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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 77TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Adyar, December 26, 1952

By C. JINARĀJADĀSA

MY BROTHERS,

On the 17th of November last we celebrated our 77th Anniversary of the founding of the Theosophical Society. Today we are gathered at the 77th International Convention of our Society. I take the opportunity of this Anniversary to look back at the early years of the Society, as such a retrospect has many interesting lessons to teach us.

Though the Society had been started in New York in 1875, the movement did not seem to grow greatly. In 1878 orders were received by both the Founders to leave for India, and they duly arrived in Bombay in February 1879. A new page in the history of the Society began in 1880, when Mr. A. P. Sinnett, who had already joined the Society, and his close friend, Mr. A. O. Hume, came into touch with two of the Mahātmās, Morya and Koot Hoomi, through *Letters* received by them. All these *Letters* have been published in the large work *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*. From those *Letters* we learn that while something of the great philosophy was given through them, the reactions of these two men towards the two Founders of the Society was unsatisfactory.

While Mr. Sinnett certainly had a high regard for H.P.B.'s occult know-

ledge, he was in some ways sceptical of her judgment, and he began to tell the two Mahātmās in what manner They should give Their teachings. Mr. Sinnett was so keen on more phenomena under controlled conditions to be performed by the Adepts, in order that scientists in Britain of the type of Huxley and Tyndall might be convinced of the existence of Adepts and Their powers, that he definitely worried Mahātmā Koot Hoomi, for whom he had a great personal regard.

On this matter of more phenomena, it was then that the Mahātmā K. H. laid the matter before the great Adept the Mahā Chohan, who very forcibly "put His foot down" on the whole subject, and stated bluntly :

"Rather perish the Theosophical Society with both its hapless founders, than that we should permit it to become no better than an academy of magic, a hall of occultism."

But the greatest danger to the Society was from Mr. Hume, who was in complete disaccord with both Founders regarding the development of the Society. In addition, Mr. Hume began a campaign to undermine their influence, corresponding with various members of the Society and stirring them up to a kind of rebellion. This produced a great crisis in the Society,

and the two Mahātmas, who were guiding the Society, were anxious before November 1882 lest the Society might collapse before the end of the first seven-year period from its foundation. They mention in the Mahātma *Letters* how They were "trying to hurry on the crisis one way or the other". However, before November 1882 the danger was averted, and the Society began its second seven-year period.

There was a vicious attack on the Society in 1884 by the Christian missionaries in Madras. We know it as the Coulomb attack. The aim was to prove, by means of so-called letters of H.P.B., that the Mahātmas were fictions of H.P.B.'s imagination, and that such *Letters* as had been received were all in her own handwriting. H.P.B. suffered keenly on this matter, not because her personal honour was impugned and she was declared a trickster, but far more because she felt that the names of the holy Masters were dragged in the mud and that she had been responsible for it, because it was she who introduced Mr. Sinnett and Mr. Hume to Them. Anything said against the Masters was resented most bitterly by her, as she knew who They really were and what was Their true greatness.

This attack was indeed serious, but it had been foreseen by the Mahātmas, as we know from Their letters. But while They gave warning regarding "two traitors at Headquarters", They did nothing to prevent the explosion. This is for the reason that They waited to see how many were really firm and devoted to the ideals of Theosophy, and did not base their faith on personal loyalty to H.P.B. or a belief in the Mahātmas. It is my firm conviction that no attack on the Society from outside ever fundamentally impedes the growth of the Society. The real danger to the Society is from internal divisions between the members themselves.

Before the beginning of the third seven-year cycle in 1889, a most im-

portant event took place, in 1888. This was the creation by H.P.B. of "The Esoteric Section of the Theosophical Society", a year later changed to "The Eastern School of Theosophy", so that the Theosophical Society might not in any way be involved in the occult organization founded by her. It is this body, known today as "The Esoteric School", that has been most vital in the development of the Society, because the E. S. has been like the steel framework of the Society.

In a conversation between the Master K.H. and H.P.B., which was recorded by her, the Adept spoke in high terms of Colonel Olcott's paternal attitude to all members, but pointed out that the President-Founder's action, after the Coulomb affair of 1884, of excluding any mention of the Mahātmas from THE THEOSOPHIST or in any Theosophical propaganda, had created a barrier between the Society and the Adept Teachers beyond the Himālayas. The Master then warned H.P.B. that after the death of Colonel Olcott the Society would disintegrate as a result of this action, when his personal influence and direction would be withdrawn. It was then that H.P.B. determined on creating the steel framework of the Society.

It is true that to accept the Theosophical philosophy does not involve a belief in the existence of the Masters, or in "The Path". Nevertheless, since H.P.B. founded the Esoteric School in 1888, the staunchest workers for the Society, those who have made the greatest sacrifices for the Society's sake, have been members of this School. Certainly there are some who do not care for esotericism in any form, and are fully devoted to the study of Theosophy; but on the other hand, the growth of the Society has had definitely as one factor not merely the dissemination of Theosophical ideals, but the personal devoted effort and dedication to Lodges, in maintaining their strength,

which has been due to the members of the Esoteric School in various parts of the world. This has been my experience during the last forty-eight years.

The fourth seven-year cycle began in 1896, but the previous year, in 1895, the Society was plunged into a great crisis. Towards the end of 1894 there had been rumours in connection with the Society's Vice-President, W. Q. Judge, that he had sent to various members communications purporting to be from the Masters, but actually not precipitated by the Adepts, but written by his own hand in the two well-known scripts. So strong was the feeling on the matter that at the Convention held at Adyar in 1894 a Resolution was passed asking the President-Founder to take action in the matter. This he did in London in 1895, and Mr. Judge was asked to explain his action, which of course he denied. Then an important principle was established in connection with this enquiry of the "Judicial Committee" before which Mr. Judge appeared. Mr. Judge declared that to enquire into the charges against him would mean that the Society would thereby definitely commit itself to a belief in the existence of the Mahātmās. Colonel Olcott saw at once the significance of this demurrer by Mr. Judge, and decided that the Judicial Committee had no authority to enquire into the matter of the charges, since the Society was in no way bound to the idea of the existence of the Masters.

The result of all this turmoil, which affected particularly the United States and to some extent England and Ireland, was the secession of 75 Lodges of the American Section, and the creation by Mr. Judge of a new Theosophical Society. Only 14 Lodges remained loyal to the Parent Society at Adyar. I need not narrate the history of what happened to the new Society created by Mr. Judge, which still exists today, having had its headquarters at Point

Loma, Covina, and now at Pasadena, California, under the leadership, after Mr. Judge, of Mrs. Katherine Tingley, Dr. G. de Purucker, Colonel Conger, and now Mr. James Long. In the meantime, the Parent Society has grown from strength to strength.

Periodically we have had other minor crises, one in 1906 in what is known as the Leadbeater affair, and another in 1912 over the position in the Society of J. Krishnamurti's Order of the Star in the East.

Often the public, and sometimes members, too, say, "Look how Theosophists behave." It is true that their behaviour seems a violation of the principle of Brotherhood. But we must not forget that while we are Theosophical workers and idealists devoted to the great work for mankind, we are nevertheless still very human, with human feelings and human reactions, with human likes and dislikes. But these minor difficulties do not matter, so long as the great work of the propagation of the ideals of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society continues. That is happening all the time, and we may say that now there is no danger whatsoever to the future of the Society as an organization to serve the world.

Among the principal events of this year was, first, the 21st Congress of the Federation of European National Societies, held at Montecatini, Italy, from October 3 to 9. Representatives of twenty-two nations were present, and the activities covered all aspects of the Theosophical movement. This year coincided also with the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Italian Section, and its anniversary celebration took place at the same time. Also at Montecatini there were references to the fact that it was in Rome, Italy, in 1902—fifty years ago—that I began my work as an International Lecturer for the Society.

Sections and Lodges are now beginning to celebrate the fiftieth year of

their foundation. This year also marked the fiftieth year of the German Section, which was celebrated at Rendsburg, where Mr. N. Sri Ram was the guest of honour. This year also Annie Besant Lodge of Havana, Cuba, celebrated the fiftieth year of its founding, as also "Vidya" Lodge in Nice, France. We shall have many Sections and Lodges celebrating their Golden Jubilees, year after year.

The second important event of this year is the chartering of the 50th National Society of Viet-Nam (till lately known as Cochinchina). I feel a profound satisfaction in the creation of this new National Society, as I have been closely identified with the Theosophical work in Viet-Nam. Cochinchina till lately has been a colony of France, and therefore the language of administration is French. Necessarily all boys and girls who have gone to the Government schools have learned French and speak it. I first visited Cochinchina in 1935 and twice since then, and my ability to speak and lecture in French enabled me to help the few Lodges then existing. Even then in the audience not all understood French, so that my French lecture had to be read out section by section in an Annamite translation. The register in the Headquarters Hall, which lists the National Societies, now has the number 50 added, with the name "Viet-Nam".

It is a sign of the development of the Society's work that increasingly our principal workers go from one country to another on invitation. During the past year Mr. N. Sri Ram again visited Nairobi briefly, on his way to South Africa for a month's tour of the principal cities (the first time an Indian lecturer has visited that country which has drawn such a strict colour bar against Indians). Afterwards his six and a half months' absence took him to England, various countries in Europe and in Scandinavia.

He was one of the chief speakers at the European Federation Congress at Montecatini.

Srimati Rukmini Devi made a week's visit to Viet-Nam, and after, en route to the United States where her main work was for five months of this year, she addressed members of the Society and the public in Madrid and Barcelona and also touched at Geneva, Huizen and London. Mrs. Josephine Ransom has again done work in the Scandinavian countries. Mr. and Mrs. E. Norman Pearson (U.S.A.), after attending 1951-52 sessions of the School of the Wisdom, have put in considerable time in the principal cities and Lodges of the Australian Section, spending several weeks in each city, where their lectures have been much appreciated both by members and the public. Mrs. Betsan Coats during a visit to Australia has lectured similarly to Australian Lodges, and both Mrs. Coats and Mr. John Coats have recently been in South Africa, helping that Section with their lectures to members and public. I must not omit to mention the visit of Professor J. B. Acuña to the Philippines Section. Professor Acuña, who is from Costa Rica, was Director of Studies for one year at the School of the Wisdom. I want especially to thank Señorita Luz Maria Durand, a member from Mexico, who came to our School of the Wisdom in 1950. After attending its sessions, she has visited Spain, Portugal, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Central America, and other places. She has thrown herself heart and soul into the work of propagation of our ideas, and has drawn large audiences, inspired members, and been responsible for bringing new members into the Work. I hope she will be able to continue with her splendid and enthusiastic contribution.

A most valuable part of the work in Europe is that of the European Federation, and for a number of years its General Secretary Mr. J. E. van Dissel

has devoted much time and energy to arranging International Congresses, Regional Congresses, and Conferences. All appreciate the extreme value of Mr. van Dissel's contribution to the Work.

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson of New Zealand has given several months' work to Australia this year. He has stayed in each principal city over a month, giving three lectures and addresses each week. Our philosophy requires a large number of exponents to appeal to various temperaments in the public. Each lecturer will arouse interest in Theosophy in some of the public who will not be affected by other speakers. More and more we shall need more exponents—lecturers and writers, and especially new modes of presentation with lantern-lectures, films, and so on.

I must speak, as usual, about the Adyar Library. It was founded by Colonel Olcott to collect manuscripts that were slowly undergoing damage by insects and damp. The collection now exceeds 15,000 palm-leaf manuscripts. A unique manuscript is on the art of Theft, a manual for thieves. Steadily the Library under the direction of Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti is publishing work after work, the latest being Number 83 in the series. There are naturally few buyers, but the works must be published, to add to the volume of knowledge. The waiting list of works to be published is increasing. But where is the money? It is for that I appeal to the sympathy of members. The Library is terribly crowded, and needs a new building of its own. That is a dream of the future, and I present the idea to those who would care to leave something in their Wills for the Library. I am very keen on the Library's work, as I too am something of a scholar and took an honours degree in Sanskrit fifty-two years ago.

The School of the Wisdom is in its fourth year. Though there are fewer

students this year, yet its international character still continues. The Opening Address was given by Mr. Sidney A. Cook, the Vice-Principal, as I was absent in Italy. Apart from the addresses given during the sessions, one important element is the free discussions among the students on the material presented. There has been this year a Faculty Committee composed of Mr. Sidney A. Cook, Mrs. Jocelyn Cook, Miss Elizabeth W. Preston, Miss Clara Codd, and Mr. Duncan Greenlees, and in consultation they have arranged the courses of study.

One part of the work has been to acquaint the students with the work of the various Departments at Headquarters. In the course of visits to different departments, at which time students have heard from the Heads of the Departments the particular work done, the following Departments have been visited :

Recording Secretary's Office, Vice-President's Office, Treasurer's Office, The Vasanta Press, Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar Library and Museum.

There has also been a weekly Speakers' Training course, conducted by Mrs. Jocelyn Cook. One afternoon each week is devoted to a public lecture, when others not of the regular Faculty have addressed the students and also residents in the Estate. Only the first term of this year's sessions has been completed so far, and the School will re-open for its second session in January and continue till the end of March.

I must specially thank Mrs. Jocelyn Cook for the great amount of labour which she has given to the School of the Wisdom. Miss Elizabeth W. Preston, as Secretary this year, has also contributed greatly to the smooth running of all arrangements regarding classes, meetings, public lectures, keeping of records, and so on.

I must speak to you briefly at this point about the work of the Society

throughout the world. I say "briefly" because there is nothing very dramatic to report. Certainly in every country the work is progressing, and more and more of the public are being informed of our many Theosophical ideas. Our addresses in the various Lodges are not only on what Dr. Arundale called "Straight Theosophy", but also on almost every problem that affects the world. One interesting element is that during the last few years a new method of approach is slowly being developed. This is the gathering of members in study week-ends and camps, particularly in camps lasting usually for a week or ten days. One special value in these camps is that the members are given an opportunity between meetings to get to know each other. This is one of the most valuable parts of our work, for it is as we make bonds of friendship with fellow-members in other parts of the country or from other countries that we definitely strengthen the whole work of the Society. From Section Reports received up to now (a few Reports have not yet come in), our membership today stands at approximately 32,223, a few more than last year.

It is not possible to tell you of the work in each of the 40 and more Sections. I will only mention a few.

The membership in India is the largest in the world, being today 6,632. India has been under a deep economic depression and this has affected the membership, so that 206 have not been able to pay their annual dues. On the other hand, 775 new members have joined, and a large number between the ages of 25 and 40 years.

The United States is perhaps the best organized of all the Sections, with many departments of activity and a finely equipped Section Headquarters in an estate of fortythree acres and housed in a building next largest to those at Adyar. An interesting activity begun in 1946 created the Spotlight

Fund to send out a field worker for a month or more to various cities where there might be only one or two members of the Society, and by public lectures and particularly study classes, to add sufficient new members to charter a Lodge in the area. In its six years of activity the Spotlight project has added 25 new Lodges to the Section's rolls, 4 having been created during this last year. A very prominent work in the Section is the translation into Braille of Theosophical literature. The work has been directed for a number of years by Mrs. Flavia Snyder, assisted by a group of members, both blind and sighted, throughout the country. In addition to works already transcribed, there are 52 volumes ready for binding. The same type of work, though on a smaller scale, is being done in the English Section.

I must specially mention the Netherlands. Holland has as its ruler Queen Juliana, who is unusual among rulers for the extremely keen interest she takes in the religious and spiritual aspects of her people. She certainly is not hampered in any way by constitutional procedure from speaking on these matters, and this year she has been present at various meetings in one of the Royal Castles, where she invited groups of people representing various movements. She has herself been present and continually moved among the guests. Our Netherlands General Secretary and his wife as well as other Theosophists were present at some of these meetings, and had the opportunity to contribute to them.

The work of the French Section is not confined to France alone, as there are many Lodges in the various French Colonies in Africa, French Guiana, Madagascar, and certain outlying colonies in Asia. This Section has begun to organize a department for transcribing works into Braille.

In Italy permission has not been received to incorporate the National

Society as a legal body. The hostility of the ruling hierarchy has manifested itself in inquisitions by the police into the activities of several Presidents of Theosophical Lodges. Naturally in that country the Society's work suffered a severe blow, first, in being disbanded by the Fascist Government, and later by the rupture of its work at the invasion by the Allies. But as soon as the Allies entered Florence, one of our oldest members there, Mr. Roberto Hack of Florence, reorganized the work, by broadcasting through the local radio that the Theosophical Society still existed and would begin its work once again.

In two Sections several Lodges have withdrawn from the Society, in order to concentrate on the study of the teachings of Krishnamurti, because they say that such study is "incompatible" with membership in the Theosophical Society. But there are hundreds of members in all the countries where the Society is active, who are keenly interested in the teachings of Krishnamurti, and yet have not found their membership in the Society "incompatible" with such study.

As in previous years I desire to express my warmest thanks to all at Headquarters who have helped me in my work. I will only mention three among the large number, so as not to tire your attention. The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. D. T. Shores, has given all his capacity to the heavy labour of his department, assisted by Mr. K. S. Rajagopalan, Assistant-Treasurer. The Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Zahara, is in charge of one of the heaviest-worked departments, as she receives and files all applications from new members, makes out register-cards for them, keeps up correspondence with all General Secretaries and enquirers, as well as attending to many details concerning needs of Headquarters' residents and visitors. She sees me every day for instructions and for

papers to sign. But I owe profoundest thanks to the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook. He came to Adyar having already behind him a vast amount of experience as Vice-President and Treasurer of one of the principal truck manufacturing companies in the United States, and was for fourteen years the General Secretary of the Society there. From the beginning of his work in Adyar he has carefully supervised the income and expenditure of our many departments, advising how to bring in improved methods in connection with them. He has saved me a great deal of labour, as he has watched over the work of the Vasanta Press, the Theosophical Publishing House, and our large Garden Department, and has now reorganized and consolidated our accounting system. As his office is next to mine, he has kept me constantly informed. His continued supervision has added to the efficiency of the administration of this Estate in all its departments, and I feel profoundly grateful for his services to the Society.

It will interest you to know that our International Headquarters draws the attention of an increasingly large number of visitors who come to see our main building, the Adyar Library, and the beautiful park in which our many buildings are situated. In October the number of visitors was 10,125, and in November the number reached 11,112. One visitor remarked to me years back, "I hear this is the finest park in South India." It is that, and we owe its beginnings to Colonel Olcott and afterwards to Dr. Besant.

One interesting sight for all members at Convention is a seat of ornamental tiles placed under the clump of yellow bamboos east of the Banyan Tree, where Mr. Krishnamurti gave his Talks at Adyar from December 28, 1932 till January 4, 1933. For twenty years it has been my dream to commemorate those addresses in that particular place,

just as one famous monastery where the Lord Buddha gave many of His sermons was called Bamboo Grove Monastery (Veluvana Arāma). When I was in Spain the year following, members in Barcelona presented me with a seat of ornamental tiles, similar to many which are to be found in the principal park there. That seat is the one which has been put under the bamboo clump, and members will see the marble tablet with the inscription: "Krishnaji Spoke Here, 25-12-32—4-1-33. The Gift of Members in Barcelona, Spain."

As many of you know, in 1948, utilizing our tiny "Adyar Mount" which is only about fifteen feet high and slopes towards the river, I created the Gopalji Amphitheatre by filling with sand the swampy area at its bottom and a pond which was mainly a mosquito-breeder. As the speaker's platform, with microphone, is at the bottom of the amphitheatre, and during time of Convention the winds blow strongly from behind the speaker, it was necessary to have a windbreak. In 1948 it was a large heavy board; for the Convention of 1950 we erected a slightly curved windbreak of brick; but as this was plain, this year I have put some ornamentation so as to make it more attractive in appearance. Members will see it this evening at the first Public Lecture. Those seated at the upper part of the amphitheatre see beyond the windbreak the Adyar River, and to the left far off the yellow sand of the sea and past that the blue of the Bay of Bengal, and the white of the surf at the river's mouth.

Last year various complaints came to me from groups of Young Theosophists, to the effect that books available for their Theosophical study were all written from the standpoint of those who had passed youth, and dealt with problems in which Youth today is not interested. I therefore sent out a questionnaire to all Young Theosophist

Groups of the world, enquiring what *are* the topics they are chiefly interested in, so that some day new manuals on Theosophy might be written that would appeal to Youth. The replies that have so far come from many countries reveal that the Young Theosophists themselves are "undecided as to the trend of interest of today's Youth and cannot put down any concrete ideas suitable to send to you". Some of the subjects suggested are: Sex, Politics, Games, immediate Economic Problems, Fine Arts, Science, Psychology. Brazil says that Youth would be interested in Educational and Economic problems, and also Theosophy as applied to life. Some Groups have expressed the need for some "technique" to turn the minds of modern youth from their "superficialities" and "running after cheap forms of escape". The secretary of one Group, depressed with the lack of interest of his Group, frankly writes that Youth is interested in nothing!

For myself I can say that, even though I knew Theosophy, I was profoundly influenced fifty-two years ago by the values to life in the field of Art and Economics as revealed by Ruskin. It is here of interest to note that it was Ruskin's work *Unto This Last* which made such a deep impression on Mahātma Gandhi's outlook on life, when he was planning his Passive Resistance Movement in South Africa.

But I must leave this whole subject of new Theosophical works for Youth to be considered fully by the next President, to see if it is possible to help such Youth as are eager to understand something of the real values in life.

In the first part of this Address I hurriedly re-sketched our Society's early history, with a view to emphasizing certain lessons which it holds for us; I dwelt on our work in the present, as highlighted in reports from our many Sections throughout the world and in certain phases of administration of this

International Headquarters. Now I desire to direct your attention once again to the urgency of the world's need for a new direction, and to suggest the Theosophical Society's fundamental role in meeting that need during the years ahead.

In my Address to the European Federation at Montecatini I stated that although the Society has made it a policy not to take up any political work, nevertheless from the beginning our Theosophical work has been intimately related to all problems of the world and even to political reconstruction.

It is my firm belief that President Woodrow Wilson of the United States would not have received any acceptance of his dream of a League of Nations from so many countries but for the fact that before 1920—when the League was formally organized—there existed Theosophists throughout the world who were committed to the ideal of Universal Brotherhood. From the beginning the Society has been a League of Peoples. Every member who joined the Society in his application subscribed to the First Object of the Society. Since 1880, every Lodge has been a radio-emitting station, invisibly charging the mental atmosphere with the idea of the Unity of all mankind. It is because of this hidden work that the League of Nations materialized. That League has now reincarnated as the United Nations.

In my Address at Montecatini I said that the United Nations "is the only hope for any kind of a lasting peace in the world". But the United Nations, even with its Charter of Human Rights, is planning after all mainly for the physical welfare of human beings. But every man and woman has other needs than the Four Freedoms. If the United Nations is really to be successful in ushering in an era of happiness for mankind, it is necessary that it should have a *spiritual* conception as its steel

frame-work. It is this spiritual conception that we Theosophists have had from the beginning. It is the idea that in each man and woman, even at the savage stage and even if criminal, there is a Divine Nature. This idea of the Divinity enshrined in man exists in every religion in one form or another. It is said that in the Greek cities of South Italy in the old days, Orphic gold tablets were deposited in the graves with the words: "I too am of divine descent." The tablet was to be a passport to the life beyond the grave. "I too am of divine descent": that is the ancient mantric formula of Hinduism, "So'ham", "I am He." When every man and woman lives a life with that conviction *this* side of the grave, then the Age of Gold will dawn for the world.

The real basis for a Universal Brotherhood is not our human nature with its sufferings and joys and needs, but rather our common Divine Nature which makes us all one Unity which can never be dissolved. If in the course of the next twenty-three years our Lodges will proclaim to men this fundamental teaching of the Divinity hidden in all mankind, we shall charge the invisible atmosphere with a new idea that there is an essential Unity of mankind, quite distinct from what is enunciated in the Charter of Human Rights. I might say that there is another and far more vital charter—the Charter of the Divine Right of each individual being.

Once again, it is my firm conviction that we Theosophists, even though we abstain from politics, yet have a most vital contribution to make for the welfare of humanity. It is indeed for this work that the Adept Brotherhood, which guided the formation of the Theosophical Society, reiterated again and again that the work of the Society fundamentally is to make a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood. For as was stated, it is only on the basis of the

Universal Brotherhood of Humanity that slowly there can be created a *Universal Morality*. When all nations accept this Universal Morality, binding on all, high and low alike, then indeed will the world have an era not only of Peace, but of true Happiness.

This is my last Presidential Address. You will not mind my being a little personal. I have been a member of the Society during fifty-eight years. I met H.P.B. twice a few months before her passing. Though I was never intimate with Colonel Olcott—indeed, once I had a tussle with him—I noted long ago his fatherly solicitude for the Society. I met Dr. Besant for the first time fifty-eight years ago, and was for four years a resident in her home, then the European Headquarters. During nineteen years, from 1914 to the end of her life, she made me her right hand in one department of her work, that of the Esoteric School. From 1921 till 1928 I was Vice-President of the Society. I knew this estate, our International Headquarters, when it was only 28 acres (11.33 hectares), and I have watched its expansion to its present 266 acres (107.65 hectares).

I have worked with, and for, Theosophists in every country in the world, except two, where our Movement exists. I watched the serious Judge affair of 1895, though I took no part in it. I have in one way or another been involved in our periodical dissensions since then. I mention all these facts only to show that I know the Society through and through. That is why in my last year as President I now say, all is well with the Society, splendidly well.

From the beginning of the Society we owe most to two, Henry Steel Olcott and Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, the noble and brave pioneers who led what was called by the Adept Koot Hoomi, a "Forlorn Hope". But they succeeded; and if we are succeeding, we are marching along the road marked out by them.

(I will ask you to rise.)

To these two pioneers, and to the Great Ones who inspired them and guided their work, let us express our gratitude, with the determination that we will be true to the trust given us, and will work till our last breath to make the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity a reality in the lives of men.

C. JINARĀJADĀSA

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Income and Expense Account of the Theosophical Society for the fiscal year ended 30th September, 1952, has closed with a surplus of Rs. 4,415-11-7. This favourable result would not have been possible without the receipt of Adyar Day Collections amounting to Rs. 30,509-4-9 and donations and bequests of Rs. 29,407-4-6.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	1,000	0	0
Adyar Library	2,000	0	0
Welfare Fund	2,000	0	0
Faithful Service Fund	10,000	0	0
President's Discretionary Fund	1,000	0	0
Besant Theosophical School	1,000	0	0
Sum made available to the T. S.	13,000	0	0
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	30,000	0	0
Retained for further allocation	509	4	9
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	30,509	4	9

Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund.—At the commencement of the year this fund amounted to Rs. 6,01,075. A further Rs. 87,902 has been received during the year bringing the total amount as on 30-9-'52 to Rs. 6,88,977. The year's contributions include a generous donation of Rs. 40,000 from an Indian member who wishes to remain anonymous and very grateful thanks are due to him and to the many other donors for their support. Attainment of the target figure of Rs. 20,00,000 however still lies ahead and members are reminded that the fund remains open and that their con-

The Adyar Day Collections with the small balance carried forward from 1951 and the sum of Rs. 22,015 contributed by the members in U.S.A. amounted to Rs. 30,509-4-9. From this sum the President has made allocations to various funds and accounts as follows:

tinued remembrance in donations or bequests by will is needed.

Fees and Dues received during the year amounted to Rs. 24,206-8-8 and have slightly exceeded the estimate. Restrictions are still imposed on remittances from some countries where balances remain. These sums will be collected as soon as it is possible.

The Faithful Service Fund.—At the beginning of the year the balance to the credit of this Fund was Rs. 16,538 and a sum of Rs. 12,157 has since been disbursed. To strengthen the Fund Rs. 10,000, has been allocated

from the Adyar Day Fund thus ensuring a continuation during the coming year of the approved allowances to faithful workers. With this and from donations the balance as on 30-9-'52 was Rs. 22,712.

Capital Expenditure.—During the year there has been Capital outlay of Rs. 36,417. The rebuilding of the Dispensary and the concreting of Upasika Circle together amounted to Rs. 13,632. The duplication of the 1950 Convention Film and some additional furniture are the other principal items.

We are pleased to mention that a generous member disposed of his station wagon to the Society at a very considerable sacrifice. This has considerably lessened the difficulties and inconvenience of making trips to Madras on the Society's business.

Repairs and Renewals.—The necessary annual repairs to our buildings, roads drainage etc., amounted to Rs. 31,319, of which Rs. 1,319, was charged to War-deferred Maintenance Reserve, the accounts for the year bearing Rs. 30,000.

Taxation.—The taxes paid to the Corporation of Madras totalled Rs. 12,552 and with other taxes paid amounted to Rs. 13,167.

Establishment: Salaries, Wages and food to Workers.—It was decided early in the year to make a fortnightly free distribution of Thoor Dhall which is rich in protein value to supplement the diet of our employees and this has resulted in an increased expenditure as shown of approximately Rs. 2,800.

Appropriations.—As in previous years a grant of Rs. 5,000 has been made to the Adyar Library. The publications of the Adyar Library have primarily a scholarly interest and therefore find a very limited market. It is however considered that by the publi-

cation of rare works a definite contribution is being made to culture and to the world of scholarship.

Bhojanasala.—A deficit of Rs. 650 was anticipated according to last year's budget but the department's account has closed with a satisfactory surplus of Rs. 638. Extra visitors to Federation and other conferences held at Adyar contributed to this result.

Leadbeater Chambers shows a deficit of Rs. 3,469 as against a budgetted deficit of Rs. 2,000. It is the rising cost of provisions and establishment charges and the maintenance of a skeleton staff during the summer months when few are in residence, that has brought this result. The rates for board have now been increased as from 1-12-1952 and it is hoped that this will at least cover the cost of the food and leave a much reduced deficit for the year 1952-53.

Laundry.—The account of this department has closed with a deficit of Rs. 278. In the coming year it is hoped that a deficit of even this amount will not appear.

Engineering Department.—This department shows a deficit of R. 7,056. A reduction in electrical rates has reduced the operating expense of the Garden and other departments but in consequence the Engineering Department revenue is lower. As such sources of revenue are taken from this department in the interest of fairer costs to others, its overhead must be directly met and it has been decided to increase the overhead percentage included in department bills from 12½% to 25%. This should result in the department showing little or no future deficit.

Garden Department.—The fall in prices of coconuts due to export restrictions during part of the year and other fruit losses due to a heavy

storm in May has reduced the income from garden produce and the department shows a deficit of Rs. 5,337/- against a budgetted figure of only Rs. 2,000/-. In the coming year better results are hoped for. It should be noted however that the cost of the ornamental gardens at Adyar, Rs. 8,770 is included in this deficit. There is also income of Rs. 12,935/- from the casuarina plantations not credited to the Department, which appears in the General Income.

Vasanta Press.—The account for the year closed with a surplus of Rs. 334-9-2 after making provision for type and machinery replacement etc. This has been rendered possible by a

Press output considerably greater than in any previous years.

Watch and Ward and Sanitation.—

The accounts of both Departments have remained within their budget estimates.

I would like to refer to the very great assistance and specialized accounting advice that has been given to the Treasury by the Vice-President. His help has been invaluable and the clear presentation of the accounts is due to his suggestions. I also wish to mention the able and devoted service of the Assistant Treasurer who was in charge of the Treasury for 6 months of the year in the absence of the Treasurer.

C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Budget Allot- ment	EXPENSE										Rs.	A. P.
Rs.											Rs.	A. P.
23,000	To Establishment—Salaries and Wages (Food Distribution Rs. 2,819-5-3) ...										27,137	4 6
30,000	,, Repairs and Renewals 31,319 4 9											
	Less appropriation from War-deferred Maintenance Reserve 1,319 4 9											
											30,000	0 0
5,000	,, Light and Water										4,267	15
5,000	,, Miscellaneous										5,187	12 2
3,500	,, Postages, Telegrams and Telephone										3,446	9 9
4,500	,, Printing and Stationery										4,887	4 0
12,500	,, Taxes										13,166	15 8
100	,, Pensions										20	6 0
800	,, Publications to General Secretaries										679	4 0
500	,, Museum and Archives										349	2 0
1,000	,, Convention Travelling Expenses										600	0 0
,, Departmental Results :												
		Expense				Income				Net		
		Rs.	A. P.			Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		
2,000	Garden ...	36,364	4 6			31,026	14 10	—	5,337	5 8		
15,400	Watch and Ward ...	13,903	0 9					—	13,903	0 9		
2,500	Sanitation ...	3,861	0 0			1,324	12 0	—	2,536	4 0		
3,200	Dispensary ...	4,436	5 3			936	14 6	—	3,499	6 9		
2,000	Leadbeater Cham- bers ...	17,872	9 0			14,403	2 6	—	3,469	6 6		
	Laundry ...	6,263	0 6			5,984	12 6	—	278	4 0		
	Bhojanasala ...	10,128	4 1			10,766	8 3	+	638	4 2		
	Engineering Depart- ment ...	1,10,519	4 9			1,03,463	4 3	—	7,056	0 6		
	Vasanta Press ...	1,45,459	13 10			1,45,794	7 0	+	334	9 2		
		3,48,807	10 8			3,13,700	11 10	—	35,106	14 10		
									35,106	14 10		
									1,24,849	7 11		
,, Appropriations :												
5,000	To Adyar Library ...							5,000	0 0			
6,500	,, The School of the Wisdom ...							9,023	9 0			
2,500	,, Convention Reserve ...							2,500	0 0			
									16,523	9 0		
14,500	,, Depreciation :											
	On Immovable Property @ 2% ...							12,122	0 0			
	,, " Gulistan " @ 2% ...							305	6 9			
	,, Movable Property ...							4,575	12 0			
									17,003	2 9		
	,, Excess of Income over Expense carried to Capital a/c ...										4,415	11 7
									1,62,791	15 3		

For The Theosophical Society.
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer,

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INCOME									Budget Allotment
	R.s.	A.	P.	R.s.	A.	P.	R.s.		
By Rent (including Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala) ...				53,564	3	6	54,000		
" Fees and Dues				24,206	8	8	20,000		
" Interest :									
Earned	31,192	9	7				30,000		
Less Interest on Funds and Accounts	8,644	5	3						
" Net Income from Casuarina (Garden Department) ...				22,548	4	4	10,000		
" Donations :									
Balance on 1-10-1951	505	3	10						
Received during the year	59,411	5	5						
Less Allocations and Grants	17,000	0	0						
Less Carried forward	509	4	9						
" Administration Charges				7,130	0	0	7,130		
				1,62,791	15	3			

V. SOUNDARARAIAN & Co.,

Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES									
Capital	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance at Oct. 1, 1951	9,31,235	8	1			
Less Adyar Library (see below)	1,74,397	9	6			
				7,56,837	14	7			
Add Excess of Income over Expense	4,415	11	7			
				7,61,253	10	2			
Adyar Library (see separate Account)	1,65,110	8	3			
							9,26,364	2	5
Other Departments :									
Bhojanasala	3,690	5	6			
Engineering Department	89,995	5	0			
Garden Department	25,475	14	0			
Laundry	1,938	5	0			
Leadbeater Chambers	1,457	1	0			
Vasanta Press	41,785	7	2			
				1,64,342	5	8			
Funds (see notes below)									
Of the Society Interest Bearing :									
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a)	78,509	2	4			
Adyar Library Building Fund (b)	1,25,420	15	9			
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (c)	6,88,977	8	9			
Miscellaneous Funds (a)	57,581	1	0			
do. do. (d)	13,628	2	6			
				9,64,116	14	4			
Of the Society Non-Interest Bearing :									
President's Travelling Fund	24,096	2	8			
Pensions & Gratuities Fund	8,038	10	11			
				9,96,251	11	11			
Of Others Interest Bearing :									
Sri Panda Baijnath Propaganda Endowment Fund	34,538	12	5			
Miscellaneous	34,749	9	3			
Non-Interest Bearing	45,351	8	7			
				1,14,639	14	3			
							11,10,891	10	2
Sundry Deposits				68,023	15	3
Sundry Creditors				5,607	13	0
Adyar Library :									
Miscellaneous Funds	19,587	10	6			
Sundry Creditors	2,140	1	9			
Gratuities Reserve	7,147	7	4			
							28,875	3	7
Reserves :									
War-deferred Maintenance Reserve	25,016	11	3			
Electrical Line	6,000	0	0			
Meter and Water Line Renewal	4,000	0	0			
Supplemental Welfare	10,000	0	0			
Vasanta Press Contingencies Reserve	3,000	0	0			
Type and Machinery	14,500	0	0			
Adyar Day Unallocated	509	4	9			
							63,026	0	0
Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.									
(b) Interest available for general purposes.									
(c) Interest only available for general purposes.									
(d) Interest only available for specific purposes.									
							22,02,788	12	5

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1952

PROPERTY AND ASSETS													
Immovable Property:					Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance at Oct. 1, 1951													
Lands at Adyar					1,93,857	13	0						
Buildings ,,					5,85,998	1	9						
Add Improvements during the year								7,79,855	14	9			
								20,102	13	0			
Less Depreciation Reserve								7,99,958	11	9			
								2,30,552	8	6	5,69,406	3	
											10,000	0	0
Land in Sindh													
"Gulistan", Kotagiri:													
Balance at Oct. 1, 1951								15,123	7	0			
Add Improvements during the year								136	15	9			
								15,260	6	9			
Less Depreciation Reserve								607	13	9	14,652	9	0
Movable Properties, Adyar:													
Balance at Oct. 1, 1951								41,746	4	9			
Add Additions during the year								16,315	14	11			
								58,062	3	8			
Less Sales								387	4	0			
								57,674	15	8			
Less Depreciation Reserve								28,092	5	8	29,582	10	0
Investments at Cost:													
Government of India Loan								7,24,364	9	3			
Madras Provincial Govt. Loan								1,16,672	8	0			
United Kingdom Loan								1,77,046	4	1			
Surrender Value of Life Policy								15,900	0	0			
Miscellaneous								6,774	8	3	10,40,757	13	7
Interest accrued on Investments											9,151	14	6
Fees and Dues Outstanding											714	2	9
Sundry Debtors								39,944	8	0			
Less Rentals billed in Advance								2,324	14	0	37,619	10	0
Departmental Assets:													
Electrical Installation, less Depreciation								36,343	0	0			
Tools, Implements, Utensils and Equipment								16,684	15	0			
Printing Machinery								18,244	0	0			
Supplies on hand								74,040	15	3			
Accounts Recoverable and Advances								24,416	15	0			
Cash on hand								415	0	0			
Advance Rentals								191	0	0			
Standing Crops								22,564	6	0			
Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium								488	4	0			
Works in Progress								15,601	7	0			
Adyar Library:					Rs.	A.	P.	2,08,989	14	3			
Books and Manuscripts					1,46,862	8	7						
Furniture, less Depreciation					12,445	11	3						
Stock of Publications					34,622	1	3						
Miscellaneous					344	7	4						
								1,94,274	12	5	4,03,264	10	8
Cash:													
Fixed Deposit								2,061	3	9			
In Madras Banks on Current Account								70,347	0	11			
In London Bank do.								6,492	13	6			
On hand								8,738	0	6	87,639	2	8
											22,02,788	12	5

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1952

					Rs.	A.	P.
The Theosophical Society in U. S. A.	\$1897-52	1951-52 ...			9,057	3	0
" " " " England	£214-19-11	1951-52 ...			2,845	3	3
" " " " Australia		1950 & 1951 ...			1,142	0	3
" " " " New Zealand	£56-17-9	1951 ...			743	0	0
" " " " Norway	£10-13-2	1948-51 ...			141	7	11
" " " " Wales	£15-17-6	1950-51 ...			210	5	6
" " " " South Africa		...			471	15	3
" " " " Canada	\$97.68	1951-52 ...			483	12	0
" " " " Scotland	£13-14-0	1951 ...			182	0	5
" " " " Mexico	\$55.25	1951 ...			261	14	0
" " " " Sweden		1951 ...			375	1	2
" " " " Cuba		1951-52 ...			524	1	9
" " " " Finland		1951-52 ...			381	0	0
" " " " Holland		...			1,232	0	10
" " " " France		...			2,002	5	10
" " " " Costa Rica	\$23.00	...			106	14	0
" " " " Greece	£18-0-0	1951 ...			239	0	6
" " " " Indonesia		...			592	0	0
" " " " Portugal	£12-11-0	1950-51 ...			165	6	8
" " " " Ireland		...			58	12	10
" " " " Chile		...			103	14	8
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.		...			2,887	0	7
		Total			24,206	8	8

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1952

				Rs.	A.	P.
The T.S. in Scotland	£13-8-9	...		178	1	6
Mr. R. Janardhana Nair		...		5	0	0
The T.S. in England	£50-0-0	...		660	14	10
D.R.D.		...		25	0	0
Mr. S. H. Vaswani		...		1	0	0
The T.S. in Australia	A.£47-0-0	...		497	14	0
				1,367	14	4

FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1952

DISBURSEMENTS			RECEIPTS		
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
To Miss E. M. Amery @ Rs. 200/- p.m. ...	2,400	0 0	By Opening Balance ...	16,538	11 2
„ Miss H. S. Kemp @ Rs. 60/- p.m. ...	720	0 0	„ Donations, etc. ...	7,781	3 5
„ Miss G. Watkin @ Rs. 218/- p.m. ...	2,616	0 0	„ Rent from Manjeri House ...	240	0 0
„ Mr. C. V. Shah @ Rs. 85/- p.m. ...	1,020	0 0	„ Adyar Day Allocation ...	10,000	0 0
„ Dr. Anna Kamensky ...	1,763	4 10	„ Interest ...	310	0 0
„ Miss Helen Veale @ Rs. 100/- p.m. ...	1,200	0 0			
„ Madame P. Cazin @ Rs. 80/- p.m. ...	960	0 0			
„ Mr. C. S. Trilokekar @ Rs. 50/- p.m. ...	600	0 0			
„ Contribution to the Clara Codd Pension Fund ...	337	3 0			
„ Mr. L. Subramania Iyer @ Rs. 35/- p.m. for 8 months ...	280	0 0			
„ Mr. Manjeri S. Rama Iyer @ Rs. 20/- p.m. ...	240	0 0			
„ Money Order and Bank Com-missions ...	20	7 0			
„ Balance carried over ...	22,712	15 9			
	34,869	14 7		34,869	14 7

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1952-53

EXPENSE	Budget for 1951-'52	Actuals for 1951-'52	Budget for 1952-'53	INCOME	Budget for 1951-'52	Actuals for 1951-'52	Budget for 1952-'53
	Rs.	R s.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages and free food ...	23,000	27,138	31,000	Rent ...	54,000	53,564	54,000
Repairs and Renewals (Excess to War-deferred Maintenance Reserve) ...	30,000	30,000	30,000	Conservancy Charges ...	1,300	1,325	1,300
Garden Expenses ...	40,800	36,364	41,000	Fees and Dues ...	20,000	24,207	23,000
Miscellaneous ...	5,000	5,187	7,000	Garden Income ...	38,800	31,027	37,000
Light and Water ...	5,000	4,268	5,000	Casuarina ...	10,000	12,936	10,000
Watch and Ward ...	15,400	13,903	14,450	Administration Charges ...	7,130	7,130	7,130
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	3,500	3,447	3,500	Interest (Gross) ...	30,000	31,193	32,000
Printing and Stationery ...	4,500	4,887	4,500	Special Departments:			
Publications to General Secretaries ...	800	679	800	Engineering Department ...	1,13,530	1,03,463	93,325
Sanitation Expenses ...	3,800	3,861	4,800	Vasanta Press ...	1,20,000	1,45,794	1,20,000
Taxes Account ...	12,500	13,167	13,500	Laundry ...	6,700	5,985	6,700
Pensions ...	100	20		Bhojanasala ...		638	
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	10,000	8,645	10,000	Donations to cover deficit ...	29,020	59,407	39,520
Convention Reserve ...	2,500	2,500					
“ deficit 1952 ...			3,500				
“ Travelling Expenses 1951 ...	1,000	600					
Contributions:							
Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Dispensary ...	3,200	3,500	3,500				
President's Travelling Fund ...							
Museum and Archives ...	500	349	500				
The School of the Wisdom... ..	6,500	9,024	6,500				
Donations to various Funds and Accounts ...		17,000					
Bhojanasala—deficit ...	650		650				
Leadbeater Chambers—deficit ...	2,000	3,470	1,250				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department... ..	1,13,530	1,10,519	93,325				
Vasanta Press ...	1,20,000	1,45,460	1,20,000				
Laundry ...	6,700	6,263	6,700				
Depreciation ...	14,500	17,003	17,500				
Surplus ...		4,415					
	4,30,480	4,76,669	4,23,975		4,30,480	4,76,669	4,23,975

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1952

	R ^s . A.	P.	R ^s .	A.	P.		R ^s .	A.	P.
To Stock on hand, 1-10-1951	37,696	0 0				By Sales including subscriptions to Adyar Library Bulletin ...	7,743	7	5
Less adjustment of valuation ...	9,761	2 1	27,934	13	11	R ^s . A.			
						Stock on hand ...	51,935	14	0
" Cost of Publications ...	21,538	15 9				Less write down ...	17,313	12	9
Less credits ...	1,384	0 0	20,154	15	9		34,622	1	3
						" Publication cost not covered by sales (subsidy from Endowment Fund)...	5,724	5	0
			48,089	13	8		48,089	13	8

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

ADYAR
16th December, 1952.

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THE

Budget		EXPENSE			Rs. A. P.		
Rs.							
19,000	To Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	18,489	5	9
500	„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	487	13	6
800	„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	888	8	6
350	„ Postages	...	...	...	445	7	3
500	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	660	10	9
250	„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	254	1	0
100	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	83	8	6
					21,309	7	3
5,000	„ Subsidy to Publications		Rs.	A.	P.		
	Account	...				5,724	5 0
1,500	„ Reserve for Gratuities	...	1,500	0	0		
350	„ Reserve for Depreciation	...	373	0	9		
			1,873	0	9		
„ Capital Expenditure :							
500	Books and Manuscripts	...	457	12	10		
	Furniture	...	16	4	0		
„ Allocations :							
	Donation Box	...	1,129	9	4		
					3,476	10	11

30,510 7 2

BALANCE SHEET OF THE

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Endowment Fund :									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...		...	87,932	12	7			
Add Additions received during the year	...		...	6,318	0	1			
				94,250	12	8			
Less Excess of Expense over Income for the year	...		...	15,741	10	4			
							78,509	2	4
Building Fund :									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...		...				1,25,420	15	9
Capital Fund :									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...		...	1,74,397	9	6			
Add Purchases during the year	...		...	474	0	10			
				1,74,871	10	4			
Less adjustment of valuation	...		...	9,761	2	1			
							1,65,110	8	3
Publications Fund :									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...		...	300	14	0			
Add Donation received during the year	...		...	17,013	13	7			
							17,314	11	7
Gratuities Reserve :									
As per last Balance Sheet	...		...	5,831	6	1			
Less Payments during the year	...		...	183	14	9			
				5,647	7	4			
Add Additions during the year	...		...	1,500	0	0			
							7,147	7	4
Book Deposit :									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...		...	700	0	0			
Add Receipts during the year	...		...	240	0	0			
				940	0	0			
Less Refunds	...		...	59	0	0			
							881	0	0
Reserve for Purchase of books	...		...				1,000	0	0
Donation Box :									
As per last Balance Sheet	...		...	802	9	4			
Add Receipts during the year	...		...	1,129	9	4			
				1,932	2	8			
Less Expenses	...		...	659	3	9			
							1,272	14	11
Sundry Creditors	...		...				1,218	0	3
Suspense Account	...		...				41	1	6
							3,97,915	13	11

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

ADYAR

16th December 1952

ADYAR LIBRARY AS ON 30-9-52

ASSETS

Rs. A. P.

Rs. A. P.

Manuscripts and Books :

Balance as per last Balance Sheet ... 1,46,404 11 9

Add Purchases during the year ... 457 12 10

1,46,862 8 7

Furniture :

Original Value as per last Balance Sheet. 14,910 12 9

Add Purchases during the year ... 16 4 0

14,927 0 9

Less Depreciation to date ... 2,481 5 6

12,445 11 3

Stock of Publications on hand ... 34,622 1 3

Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium ... 206 4 0

Advances to Staff ... 93 0 0

Sundry Debtors ... 30 3 4

Cash on hand ... 15 0 0

Balance with the T.S. ... 2,03,641 1 6

3,97,915 13 11

Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN & Co.,

Chartered Accountants.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES, OF
PRESIDENTIAL AGENTS AND OF
FEDERATION SECRETARIES

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
Recording Secretary.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

During the year the National President made visits to Lodges in the West and Northwest, attending the West Coast Conference and the Annual Conventions of the Michigan, Florida, Illinois-Wisconsin and Texas Federations. In all of the meetings there were reports of work accomplished and plans for future activities.

Membership.—This year seven new Lodges have been chartered. They are located in Beaumont, Texas; Binghamton, New York; Boulder, Colorado; Contra Costa County, California; Flint, Michigan; Mohawk Valley, New York and San Leandro, California. Two official Study Centres have been formed at Lubbock, Texas and Missoula, Montana. However, the membership rolls have registered a slight decrease. Three hundred and seven new members have joined the Society during the year but 333 were transferred to the inactive list. Reinstatements totalled 72 and 14 transfers were made to this Section from other Sections. Death has removed 70 names and there have been 43 resignations. Since four Lodges were dissolved during the year, the total number of Lodges now is 147. The membership figure totals 3,953 which is a decrease of 55 from last year's total.

National Lecture Activity.—Immediately after the close of the summer sessions last year, Mr. N. Sri Ram visited Mexico City and then completed his tour in this country visiting Lodges en route to New York prior to his departure for India on October 1st. Sri-mati Rukmini Devi upon her arrival

in this country early in June, visited Lodges in New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and St. Louis before coming to Olcott to be our honoured guest at the Summer Sessions. The National President's tours have already been mentioned. Mrs. Perkins accompanied him on these trips with the exception of his visit in March to Toronto Lodge in the Canadian Section. Mrs. Iris White visited the Lodges of the Mid-West. Mr. Seymour Ballard contacted the Lodges in the East and Northeast. After the first of the year he travelled through the southern states and later in the Illinois-Wisconsin Federation. Miss Ann Kerr was able to reach most areas of the Section during the year. When Mrs. Viva Emmons returned from Adyar in the spring of 1951 after a visit of more than a year, she offered to contact Lodges she could reach on the West Coast. A notable member visited our Section this year, Professor Benito Reyes, a member of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines. He came as a visiting professor at Boston University, and while here he was awarded two honorary degrees. Dr. Reyes has lectured on Theosophy for the Besant Lodge of Boston and other Lodges in the East. He spent a week-end at our National Headquarters in May and delivered an outstanding public lecture. The field programme has been further implemented by the activity of the Federations in providing speakers for the Lodges in their particular localities. Mr. Fritz Kunz has visited Lodges on his trips across the country and other

Theosophical workers have toured in the Section.

Spotlight.—The national Spotlight programme to found new Lodges has continued. Mrs. Nedra Ruder, who has done the work alone this year, has been instrumental in creating the four new Lodges that were chartered as a result of the seven attempts made. Since this programme began in 1946 when Miss Joy Mills did the work in the field, there have been 41 organized attempts that resulted in 29 new Lodges chartered. Of these 29 Lodges, four have become inactive, with a net gain of 25 Lodges created by this method in six years—an average of more than four new Lodges each year.

Subsidiary to the Spotlight plan is the programme designated as a revitalization activity which consists of devoting a partial programme to Lodges that are already chartered. Sixteen Lodges have been helped in this manner. The new members added to our rolls from active Spotlight work in these six years total 524.

Financial.—Reports each year for the past three years, have called attention to the fact that our fixed income from dues is far from being sufficient to meet our operating expenses. The reports have shown deficits, which although large, have been balanced or nearly balanced, by general donations received during the year.

National Headquarters.—Several welcome improvements have been carried out.

The Theosophical Press.—The Theosophical Press reports that the year to June 30th has been a very active period for book sales with an increase in gross sales of nearly \$3,000.

Discovery.—A total of 89,000 names on the mailing lists of 66 Lodges have been reached by *Discovery* this year.

The Voice.—A new activity was recently begun by Mr. L. W. Rogers and those who are assisting him in the

publication of a new paper entitled *The Voice*.

Department of Information.—The Department of Information has had another active year. Fifty-one new members have joined the Society and forty-one new names have been added to the list of library borrowers. One hundred and eighty-five of these inquirers were referred to our Lodges. Books were lent to new Lodges, to study groups, and to those unable to become library borrowers. Books, pamphlets and leaflets were sent to inmates in state prisons. Here as in the Press, the distribution of publicity pamphlets has decreased by approximately one-third. Each month an average of three hundred copies of *Discovery* were mailed to persons having contact with the Department who do not live near a Lodge. Our file of slides was popular this year and the slides have been widely used by the Lodges.

Letters to Editors.—Upon occasions during the year we have mailed to Lodge presidents suggested letters to be submitted to editors of their local newspapers presenting Theosophical ideas upon matters such as World Day for Animals, United Nations Day, Brotherhood Week and the Easter theme. Reports indicate that these letters have received favourable attention, and this publicity has prompted inquiries into Theosophy.

National Library.—The reorganization of the National Library has been under way since January 3, directed by Mrs. Mary Belle Kenderdine who has been placed on the Staff for the period of one year to accomplish this project. Up-to-date procedures have been instituted. A total of 3,442 volumes were issued during the year, 303 persons made use of the Library and 127 names were added to the list of borrowers.

Summer Sessions.—Last summer the Registration figures were: Workers'

Conference 116, Convention 243, Summer School 219.

Olcott Foundation.—Mrs. Margery Parks as Chairman assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Ballard and Mr. James Allen, promoted the Olcott Foundation activity this year. Entries were received in five of the eight Divisions. No award was made in the Olcott Lecture Division.

National Committees.—Six Committee Chairmen who are National Directors were appointed last summer. Mrs. Lois Holmes' Committee had the special task of organizing the *Workers Conference* programme; Dr. George DeHoff's *Field Organization Committee* of Federation Presidents has explored various questions and arrived at certain conclusions with the view to raising the standard of our presentation of Theosophy; Miss Winifred Boye and her co-workers on the *Youth Committee* planned and successfully organized a day camp for children during the 1952 Summer Sessions; the Chairman of the *Publicity Committee*, Mr. Henry Hotchener, has submitted to the Board of Directors a report on ideas to expedite our work of publicizing Theosophy on a national scale; Dr. Henry Smith, Chairman of the *Study Class Committee* reports the collection of material and a file of correspondence from which recommendations for new study classes will be made; Mr. Frank Linton of the *Headquarters' Planning Committee* conferred with the National President last summer with regard to the resurfacing of the road and parking area on the estate and the construction of the path and bridge leading from the building to the tennis court.

United Nations Activity.—In April the Department of Public Information of the United Nations invited the National President to represent the Theosophical Society to sponsor the first International Exhibition of Children's Portraits to be held in the Grand Central Art Galleries, New York City.

Young Theosophists.—The Youth Secretary, Mr. Harry T. McAllister, Jr., reports that during the past year the Young Theosophists of America started publication of a magazine, *Youth and Brotherhood*. In August the first annual "Pumpkin Holiday" for younger Theosophists was held at Pumpkin Hollow Farm, Craryville, New York. It proved to be very successful with thirty-one younger people participating.

Theosophical Book Association for the Blind.—Mrs. Flavia B. Snyder, President, reports that two big projects were undertaken and completed this year—the purchase of forty more new mailing cases for the library books and the search for a new printing press which finally resulted in repairing the old press. In spite of the need for reduction in the size of the magazines because of the shortage of zinc and paper, the Association has reached more blind people with Theosophical literature. Thirty-three new readers and three new libraries were added to the mailing list. Throughout the year, five hundred and forty-eight books have been borrowed from the free lending library and one special publication of *Is and Is-To-Be* was made for the blind members as a Christmas gift. Thirty-four new books were bound and placed on the shelves. On hand now are sixty-two volumes of new books ready for binding which have been transcribed by twelve members, three of whom are blind. All of the Braille transcribing is a voluntary service to the library by devoted workers.

Theosophical Book Gift Institute.—The Theosophical Book Gift Institute owes a great debt of thanks to its faithful Secretary, Miss Marion Peterson, its Treasurer, Mr. Kern, and to Miss Edith Gray who for several years and again this year has done the main work of making library contacts. During this year 501 libraries have accepted 2,749 books, bringing the total to

15,024 books donated to 3,058 libraries since 1944.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Mrs. Diana Winslow, Chief Brother of The Theosophical Order of Service, reports that with the exception of the Arts and Crafts Department all departments are alive and doing excellent work.

Mothers' Research Group.—One of the principal activities is the publication of the quarterly magazine, the *Mothers' Occult Digest*, which has been distributed to three hundred subscribers. Two new publications have been produced this year, a children's story book, *As the Wheel Turned*, written by the late Elsie Rutledge and illustrated by Miss Susan Bullock, and *Research in the Harmony of Living*, compiled by the Health Committee.

Radio.—The broadcasting of Theosophy by radio has continued in various centres and additional Lodges have undertaken programmes. Mrs. Ava Boman reports that the group in Ojai and Ventura, which broadcasts weekly in Santa Barbara, has now been on the air twenty-eight months. They have made tape recordings of fifty-two talks—a year's supply—which are available for other Lodges or Federations that want to put them on the air. These talks have also been printed in eight booklets of six and seven talks each to be used in follow-up work by those groups. Using the Southern California recordings, the Northwest Federation sponsored and financed a radio project last fall in Bellingham, Washington, which directly benefited the Lodge in that city. The Illinois-Wisconsin Federation presented a series of these broadcasts over a Chicago FM station. Seattle used a regular AM Station for its broadcasts which are to be continued. Oakland, California, and Meridian, Mississippi, are preparing to use the recordings in the fall. Miss Olga Kaufmann arranged a series of broadcasts over Station

WTPS, New Orleans, in 1949, using radio scripts prepared at Olcott. Miss Kaufmann has renewed the contract each year since then and has herself prepared the scripts for the past two years. A powerful station, WTPS, can be heard throughout Louisiana and Mississippi and in parts of Alabama and Florida.

Adyar Day Fund and A. B. C. Fund.—Turning now to the international aspects of our activity, Mr. Thomas Pond reports that the *Adyar Day* collection totalled \$ 4,700. This amount was several hundred dollars better than last year. Since 1947, donations to the *A. B. C. Fund* have totalled \$ 33,014 which is about 42% of the proportionate goal for our Section of \$ 80,000.

The School of the Wisdom.—When the School of the Wisdom was begun in 1949, we in this Section initiated a plan to send a worker each year to visit Adyar and attend the School. In this manner it was felt that year by year we could add new strength to our Section through those workers who had made a first-hand link with Adyar. In 1949 Miss Ann Kerr, whose outstanding ability had filled admirably the office of National Secretary for nine years, was selected by the Board of Directors as the first worker to serve in this way. During the past season she has toured the American Lodges, bringing with her talks, her collection of pictures and other material, added contact with the world centre of our work. With the completion of the tour, Miss Kerr has assumed new duties at Olcott. In 1950 Mr. E. Norman Pearson, former National Vice-President, was chosen as the second candidate to be assisted financially by this means. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson left over a year ago on their extended tour of the British Isles, India and Australia.

JAMES S. PERKINS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

The English Section now has 3,290 members, of whom 2,746 belong to its 115 Lodges and 544 are unattached. One Lodge has been formed during the year, at Huddersfield.

The country is divided into seven Federations, each of which is autonomous within the National Rules. All these arrange regular conferences two or three times a year for study and business. Five of them publish their own Federation bulletin several times a year. The Southern Federation arranged its usual Easter Study Weekend at Oxford. The guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Ransom and it was attended by 54 students from all parts of the country.

The Annual Convention was held as usual at Whitsuntide, when we were pleased to have as our guest speaker Mr. N. Sri Ram, who endears himself to all he meets and whose wise and lucid lectures were an inspiration to all present. We were also fortunate in that a short visit to England by Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale enabled her to visit the Convention on two days and to give an address to members. Other meetings included an interesting discussion on "World Problems in the Light of Theosophy", lectures by Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, Mrs. Mary Elmore, and a symposium on Fohat by the Theosophical Research Centre under the title "The Universal Driving Force". The annual Blavatsky Lecture was given by Mrs. Doris Groves entitled "Brotherhood and the Enlightened Mind". Also included was a showing of the colour film of Adyar taken during the 75th Annual Convention, with a commentary by the General Secretary, and an informal Question and Answer Meeting at which Headquarters staff and the Executive Committee were present to answer questions. Convention was well attended. Besant

Hall was full to overflowing at the main meetings, and many visitors from other Sections were present.

The usual anniversary meetings were held at Headquarters: October 1st, to commemorate the birthday of Annie Besant; November 17th, Foundation Day; February 17th, Adyar Day; and May 8th, White Lotus Day. All these meetings were well attended. White Lotus Day is, of course, generally celebrated by the Lodges throughout the Section.

On February 6th occurred the passing of King George VI, and the whole country deeply felt the loss of a well loved king. A wave of real affection and sympathy flowed to Queen Elizabeth the Second.

The new venture of a permanent Camp at Tekels Park, Camberley, is developing, and a number of conferences, student weekends, etc. were held there during the year. The Camp opened at Easter when Mrs. Gardner was present and conducted several successful discussion meetings, attended by the young and the not-so-young Theosophists present. One of the most popular pastimes was national and country dancing.

Early in May the Theosophical Research Centre held a useful discussion weekend at Tekels Park on the subject of "Basic Human Relationships". In August a study weekend with Mr. E. L. Gardner and Miss C. G. Trew was held, and an International Camp from August 16th-30th. At this the speakers were Mr. N. Sri Ram, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Groves, and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Leslie-Smith. The Round Table had a week's camp from August 8th-15th. Tekels Park offers opportunities for Theosophical meetings in beautiful surroundings at which both camping and hostel accommodation are available.

In early May the General Secretary spent a week in Sweden visiting Gothenburg and Stockholm Lodges, which helped to strengthen the already existing bond of fellowship between the two Sections.

During the year, in addition to the Blavatsky Lecture mentioned above, the Theosophical Publishing House (London) has produced *The Heavenly Man*, by E. L. Gardner, *The Meaning of Life*, by E. Simons, *Principles of Astrology*, by C. E. O. Carter, also a new edition of the St. Alban Hymnal.

Headquarters Library continues to fill a very useful place in the work of the Section. The whole Library is being re-classified and re-catalogued, and it is expected that the complete new catalogue will be available some time this year. Nearly 12,000 books are issued annually, either by callers or through the post. The Library has a scheme whereby Lodges studying a particular aspect of Theosophy may borrow a parcel of 12 related books, and many copies of each standard Theosophical work are available. A

junior section has recently been incorporated into the main library.

The work of the Study and Training Committee continues. A new study course on Meditation is now available to Lodges. These study courses continue to be well taken up and widely used for Lodge study.

The Publicity Department has been reorganized during the year. This has resulted in an improved liaison between Headquarters and the Lodges throughout the country. About 40 individual lecture tours have been arranged, averaging about 6 lectures each, and the new Publicity Secretary has been able to attend several Federation conferences and study weekends. In reply to advertisements 410 inquiries from a wide area, including 77 from overseas, have been received and answered. Free literature and books for study are distributed, and 18 book boxes, each containing 40 Theosophical books, are in circulation.

On the whole it has been a year of steady devoted work in which the whole Section has co-operated.

C. R. GROVES,
General Secretary.

INDIA

Introductory.—I am very happy to submit this annual report of the work done in the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society during 1951-52. It has been a year of steady progress along different lines of Theosophical work. In 1951 the Indian Section completed its 60 years of a very eventful life. During the Convention of the Theosophical Society held at Banaras in December 1951, the Diamond Jubilee of the Indian Section was celebrated.

The President.—During the year Mr. Jinarājādāsa visited Banaras, Bombay, Calcutta and Bhavnagar. His

presence at all these places was most inspiring just as his talks were very illuminating. As I write this report I am conscious of the fact that after 17th February 1953 he will be no longer the Head of the Theosophical Society. We are, however, happy in the fact that even though he will not be the President of the Theosophical Society after February 1953, his wise and impersonal guidance will be available to one who succeeds him in the Presidential office.

On behalf of the Indian Section I offer to Bro. C. Jinarājādāsa our grateful thanks for the inspiration and

guidance that he gave us during the last seven years. We sincerely pray that he be long spared to give us the benefit of his wisdom and guidance in conducting the affairs of the Theosophical Society.

National Tours.—During the year Bro. N. Sri Ram was mostly out of India, but, before he left, he visited Banaras, Allahabad, Agra, Delhi, Indore and Bombay.

Srimati Rukmini Devi too was out of India for a number of months. She was, however, able to visit Banaras, Bombay and Delhi. It is a matter of great happiness for us all that the President of the Indian Republic has nominated her as a member of the Council of States.

During the year Shridevi Mehta and I visited Lodges in the Bombay, Gujarat, Bihar, Bengal, Marathi, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil and Kerala Federations. I presided over Bengal, Kerala and U. P. Federation sessions held at Cuttack, Alleppey and Gorakhpur respectively. The places visited by us were: Patna, Muzaffarpur, Motihari, Monghyr, Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, Calcutta, Cuttack, Bhuvaneswar, Bombay, Ahmedabad, Dehra Dun, Gorakhpur, Madras, Calicut, Cannanore, Mangalore, Ernakulam, Alleppey, Trivandrum, Nagpur, Amraoti and Akola.

The Indian Section has at present two National Lecturers—Bro. M. Subramaniam and Bro. U. G. Krishnamurti, both of whom visited a number of Lodges.

Bro. Henry van de Poll, who is a worker at the Section Headquarters, visited during the year Lodges in Indian Punjab.

Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram, who has been elected President of the Tamil Federation, visited Banaras, Allahabad, Delhi, Agra, Indore and Bombay during the year, in addition to visiting Lodges in the Tamil area.

Bro. S. R. Bharatya, who is the National Secretary of the Theosophical Order of Service in India, visited, in the course of this official year, Lodges in Australia and New Zealand. He was deputed by the United Nations to study social work in those two countries.

Membership.—We began the year with 6,838 members on our roll. During the year, 775 new members came into the Theosophical Society and 94 dormant members revived their memberships. With these additions our total membership on 30th September 1952 would have been 7,707. But, as against these additions, 65 members died, 37 resigned, 5 were transferred to other Sections and 968 members had to be dropped for having failed to pay their annual dues successively for two years. And so, our membership at the end of the year stands at 6,632—a decrease of 206 members. To a certain extent this decrease is due to economic causes.

It is a matter of joy that as many as 775 new members joined during the year, and out of these a very large number has been between the ages of 25 and 40.

STATEMENT SHOWING TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS
(IN GOOD STANDING) ON 1ST OCTOBER 1952

Federation	Total No. of members as on 1-10-51	Add		Total of Col. Nos. 2, 3 & 4	Deduct				Total of Col. Nos. 6, 7, 8 & 9	Total Number of members as on 1-10-52
		New	Revived		Deaths	Resigned	Transfers to other Sections	Dropped Paid up to 1950		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Andhra Circars ...	1043	121	5	1169	8	...	...	150	158	1011
Bengal ...	202	23	2	227	3	1	1	28	33	194
Bihar ...	291	44	10	345	...	1	...	46	47	298
Bombay ...	398	27	6	431	10	9	...	29	48	383
C.I. and Rajputana ...	264	37	7	308	3	1	...	26	30	278
Delhi ...	121	18	3	142	3	...	...	16	19	123
Gujarat ...	757	86	...	843	2	...	...	110	112	731
Karnataka ...	765	87	4	856	10	...	...	87	97	759
Kerala ...	109	43	2	154	4	...	...	10	14	140
Marathi ..	239	15	8	262	6	2	...	24	32	230
Rayalaseema ..	503	10	9	522	1	1	...	136	138	384
Tamil ...	928	103	12	1043	7	7	1	118	135	910
Uttar Pradesh ...	647	102	13	762	7	6	...	74	87	675
Headquarters ...	228	25	6	259	1	1	1	14	17	242
Youth ...	343	34	7	384	...	8	2	100	110	274
Total ...	6838	775	94	7707	65	37	5	968	1075	6632

Lodges and Centres.—While there has been a slight decline in our membership strength this has been more than compensated for by a large number of new Lodges and Centres that have been formed during the year. 15 new Lodges have been formed and 14 new Centres have been established. We began the year with 362 Lodges, at the close of the year we have 377 Lodges. Similarly, we began the year

with 40 Centres, and at the close of the year we have 48 Centres. Thus, in all, we have today 425 Lodges and Centres.

Passed Over.—As will be seen from the attached chart, 65 members of the Indian Section passed away during the year. Some of our Lodges and Federations have sustained heavy losses because of the departure of a number of tried and experienced workers from the scene of their physical activities.

Among those who have departed special mention must be made of five: Bro. Jamshed Nusserwanjee, Bro. K. Sundaram Chettiar, Bro. L. Subramaniam Iyer, Bro. Krishna Jas Roy, and Bro. S. J. Karaka. I mention these five names because they were connected with the Theosophical work, not merely in their own States, but outside also. All of them were members of the Indian Section Council at some time or other.

The Five Year Plan.—The most outstanding event of the year has been the launching of the Five Year Plan with regard to the work of the Theosophical Society in India.

The Five Year Plan has seven main items of work. They are: (1) Organization of Camps and training of workers; (2) Sending out lecturers and field workers in different parts of the country; (3) Celebration of Theosophy or Brotherhood Weeks; (4) Bringing Youth of India closer to the work of the Theosophical Society; (5) Organization of Correspondence Courses; (6) Establishment of Theosophical Press Service; and (7) Organization of Theosophical publications—both books as well as journals.

The progress of the Five Year Plan during the first six months has been quite satisfactory. The Plan has meant increased work at the Headquarters and it will mean more work during the coming years.

In order to finance the various activities of the Plan I had appealed for 200 members paying Rs. 100/- each per year for five years. During the last ten months we have been able to get 80 such members. After the close of the official year some more members have contributed to the Plan. Thus we have been able to collect, during the year, about Rs. 9,000/- in connection with the Five Year Plan.

Hindi Publications.—A Hindi monthly journal called *Ananda* is being published from Banaras.

The First Principles of Theosophy by C. Jinarājadāsa is being published in monthly instalments in the journal.

The Indian Bookshop.—The Indian Bookshop continues its business steadily supplying Theosophical and allied books to Theosophists and non-Theosophists in many of the States of North India. Its business turnover for the year was about Rs. 15,000/-. Two Hindi books were published by the Book Shop during the year—the Hindi translations of *At the Feet of the Master* and *The Doctrine of the Heart*.

Our Educational Work is growing steadily and the Besant School has established a very respectable position for itself in the educational circles of Banaras as well as of the whole State.

Indian Section Headquarters.—Work at the Indian Section Headquarters is going on very satisfactorily. Shri G. R. Venkatram was re-appointed Treasurer by the Executive Committee of the Indian Section for the year 1952. Needless to say he has carried on the work with his characteristic efficiency. He has also officiated for me whenever I have been out of Banaras for camps or lecture tours. He has given me very valuable assistance in different branches of work and I wish to record here my sense of gratefulness to him.

During the year we have put up a number of additional structures to some of our buildings thus greatly improving our immovable properties on the estate.

Decentralization.—From my experience of the Indian Section work, I find that some of our Federation areas are much too large both for administrative as well as propaganda purposes. Due to the largeness of these areas the Federations naturally find it difficult to contact members and Lodges as effectively as they would like to do. Our Federation offices do not have whole-time workers and the Federation secretaries too are in most cases part-time workers. To

deal with administrative and propaganda matters pertaining to large areas, under the conditions mentioned above, becomes very difficult. In our work the principle of decentralization should be applied more and more as that will be conducive to effective work. The Indian Section has already introduced a principle of decentralization by granting autonomies to Federations. The same principle now needs to be applied with reference to Federation working. This can be done either by creating smaller units of administration or by some other device for decentralization

which the Federations may deem more desirable.

Conclusion.—In concluding this general survey I wish to state that for the coming four years we have before us the Five Year Plan to be worked out at the Section, the Federation and the Lodge levels. That programme, when effectively carried out, will greatly intensify our Movement throughout the length and breadth of the country. I appeal to all workers enthusiastically to throw themselves into this work so that all our activities may be oriented to this end.

ROHIT MEHTA,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Overshadowing the year's work has been the impending election for the office of President. At the moment of writing—Dr. Besant's birthday—we are on the point of nominating a successor to Mr. Jinarājādāsa. There is great interest everywhere in this election, first in the probable personality of his successor and secondly in appreciation of Mr. Jinarājādāsa's supreme and heroic work in spite of indifferent health during his seven-year term.

The membership is accelerating. It stands on 30th September 1952 at 1164, an increase of 62 on 1951 and 114 on 1950. The gross increase for the year was 160, less losses 98. Some credit for the increase must go to the international lecturers who have toured the Section since the beginning of 1952. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson came over from New Zealand for the second year in succession, flew across to Perth and worked back to Brisbane and Sydney; his visit lasted from February to August. While Mr. Hodson was in Melbourne Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson of the U.S.A. came down from India and worked over the same route, and

have now started their Sydney campaign. In March Mrs. John Coats arrived from Adyar and moved about freely, visiting Hobart also and the Lodges in North Queensland, and sailed from West Australia in July for South Africa. Their work has greatly stimulated our Theosophical impact on the people, Mr. Hodson making more real the invisible worlds, Mrs. Coats the creative element in art, and Mr. Pearson the links between Theosophy and Science.

There is no gainsaying that these international lecturers arouse public interest and stimulate the Lodges to further activity even though it leaves them almost breathless at times.

All three have broadcast in our Sunday sessions on Station 2GB Sydney, during the last six months, reaching a radio audience of perhaps a quarter million. The General Secretary filled in certain interludes on special subjects. This broadcasting is a feeder to the Lodges, besides making Theosophy by this incessant impact over the last twenty-five years more or less of a household word among the people

on the eastern coast of Australia. The people are becoming indoctrinated with the new race idea, both the anthropological and the Theosophical implications. It is found that in Sydney the radio attracts the attention of prospective members and that in Melbourne the Lodge sends out speakers to other bodies which brings a following to the Lodges. A real ground-work is laid in Study Groups in all Lodges—these are an open road into the Society. So also are the Young Theosophists—every major Lodge has a strong and promising group who are active in Lodge work.

Convention met in Adelaide at Easter, sounding the note of World Unity in the addresses and discussions. Mr. Hodson and Mrs. Coats both contributed special viewpoints. A literary committee was appointed to recommend suitable books to Lodges and to aim at seeing that the classic literature of Theosophy is adequately represented on the shelves of the public libraries in the large cities and in other places where practicable.

A fund was authorized to cover a budget deficit of £275—this has already been oversubscribed; an anonymous donor contributed £100.

A change has been made in the administration which has already greatly facilitated the work. The governing body of the Section and the Trust Company (which holds the Section's property) have been completely integrated by amendments to the Articles of Association of the Trust Company

adopted at the annual meeting of the Company during the Adelaide Convention, so that now the members of the Section Council are members of the Trust Company and the Executive Committee are the directors.

Propaganda included the printing of 12,000 pamphlets, reproducing six of Geoffrey Hodson's radio talks (digest of public lectures) which are having a good circulation.

The Section journal, *Theosophy in Australia*, keeps up its tone and is appreciated by the members, all of whom receive it. It helps to bridge great distances and to keep the Section homogeneous.

Among prominent visitors other than lecturers previously mentioned have been Mr. Charles Shores from Adyar, and Mr. S. R. Bharatya from Allahabad, India, who took part in the revival of a branch of the Theosophical Order of Service in Sydney.

Among important people who have passed over were: Mr. F. L. Woodward, M. A., world-famous Pali scholar who lived twenty years in Tasmania working on Buddhist texts and was a member of Launceston Lodge; and Mrs. Ethel Phillips Fox, Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, whose paintings hang in Australian and European galleries.

By and large the work in Australia is going well, though there are always peaks unscaled and glittering heights alluring us on.

J. L. DAVIDGE,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

During the year under report the Swedish Section has been happy to receive several helpful and inspiring visits from abroad. In the beginning of October 1951 Mrs. Josephine Ransom from England paid a much appreciated

visit to Sweden. The General Secretary of England, Mr. Richard Groves, came in May 1952 and gave a presentation of Theosophy for the public and for the members that was a great inspiration. A little later towards the end

of June the Section had the privilege of the visit of Mr. N. Sri Ram who came for a Summer School combined with Convention. Between 40 and 50 people attended, with a peak number of 60 on the day of Convention. Mr. Sri Ram's presence and his talks appealing so much to intuition and the friendly atmosphere made the Summer-School an inspiring and happy event.

Several Swedish members met with members from Denmark, Norway and Finland and also from some other countries, at Gammel Prestegaard, Denmark, in July. On this occasion the 4 Scandinavian General Secretaries met and after discussions between themselves and with the General Secretary of the European Federation, Mr. van Dissel, they agreed in forming a Scandinavian Committee for a still closer co-operation between the Sections.

Activities in Stockholm are growing continually and in May a new Lodge *Soderlogen Tao* was formed. This Lodge is meeting and giving public lectures in the southern parts of the capital. As there has been Theo-

sophical activity here only occasionally before, this means that new contacts are made and upheld.

Activities are growing also in some other spots. To a certain extent this is due to the fact that several speakers have been able to travel to Lodges. Thus during the year under report 7 lecturers visited 15 places, mostly where there are Lodges, but in some instances in towns where there is no Lodge at present.

The *Book Department* of the Section is meeting great interest from members and the public. A reprint of J. I. Wedgwood's *Meditation for Beginners* is just out and the reprint of *Light on the Path* is in the press, while other reprints and first prints of translations are under preparation.

There are at present 20 Lodges in the Section, including the new one mentioned above. During the year 57 new members joined the Section and 13 have left. That means an increase of 44, making a total number of 434 at the end of the year.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has distinguished herself this year by reaching the 2,000,000 mark in her population. Though the membership of the Theosophical Society in our country is not as large as we would wish, yet it is high in proportion to its population compared with that of other countries. It would, I think, be true to say that Theosophy is "in the air". The demand for Theosophical literature in our central Book Depot in Auckland seems insatiable, and recent import restrictions, required by our country's economy, are unfortunate at the present juncture.

In addition to the Section's Headquarters and the valuable property of

Vasanta Garden School, eight of our seventeen Lodges have their own properties. It would be difficult to more than approximately assess their total value—a conservative estimate would be in the vicinity of £ 40,000. The upkeep of such properties is in itself a considerable annual expense for a small Section.

Membership.—The Section membership on 30th September, 1952, stands at 933, as against 941 in 1951, a loss of eight.

Visit of Mr. C. D. Shores.—Our members warmly welcomed Mr. C. D. Shores, International Treasurer of the Society, when he came to New

Zealand early this year to visit his brother and family in Auckland. He was for three months in New Zealand and gave part of his time to a short tour, lecturing in the main Lodges. Everywhere he won the affection of members by his warm friendliness.

New Zealand Members at Adyar.—Mrs. W. Crawford, Auckland, and Mr. J. Griffiths, Wellington, were students at the School of the Wisdom at Adyar during the year under review. Mrs. Crawford officially represented our Section at the Seventy-sixth International Convention at Banaras, December, 1951. Mrs. D. B. Bremner (formerly Mrs. G. Milliken) was for six months at Adyar acting as Superintendent at Leadbeater Chambers.

Annual Convention.—Our 55th Annual Convention met in Dunedin, December, 1951, at the Christmas season. Its Keynote, "Theosophy, Key to World Betterment", was well sounded out in lectures and discussions. Good hostel arrangements attracted a large number of members and a fine spirit of comradeship prevailed throughout the whole Convention.

Easter Camp.—An Easter gathering of some 60 members was held at Orewa, about 26 miles from Auckland City. Accommodation was in a private hotel entirely given over for the purpose. Devotional periods, study and discussion occupied the mornings; afternoons were left free for relaxation and evenings given to talks and a lecture.

Publicity.—Our main publicity channels are through literature and travelling lecturers. Two thousand copies of a new pamphlet, "There is no Death", written on request by Miss Clara M. Codd for the new Zealand

Section, have been published, and a new edition of 2,000 copies of our chief propaganda booklet, "Information for Enquirers", has also been published during the year.

Mr. H. H. Banks as National Lecturer has made extensive tours throughout the country, doing excellent work. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson was away for six months in Australia; on his return to Auckland he gave several lectures in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall. He remains in Auckland and will lecture until he leaves in January, 1953, for a nine months tour in the United States. Miss Mary Graham, also, has given help in the lecture field.

Social Service and Humanitarian Work.—Members put Theosophy into action and do excellent work supporting various outside organizations in the social service and humanitarian field.

The Order of the Round Table.—We value this movement which brings young life into our Lodges. Founded in New Zealand 40 years ago, it continues to do good work in this country.

As General Secretary I have made official visits to the majority of our Lodges, and appreciate the devotion shown by members to the work. I think it is fairly generally recognized that Lodges should be active, purposeful and strong, and that sacrifice and hard work are necessary if the ideas of Theosophy are to be spread effectively. It is becoming increasingly realized that the mission of the Theosophical Society is manifold and will be fulfilled only as its members incarnate within themselves the Spirit of the New Age, the Universal Spirit, the Eternal Changeless Self.

E. HUNT,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

The year ending 30th September, 1952 was a period of relative calm, not marked by special events. One hundred new members were admitted to the Society, but the number of outgoing members by resignation, death, lapsing or transfer to other Sections, was 103. At the end of the year under report the membership was 1701. The number of Lodges stands at 38 and there are 4 Centres.

The fact that there is no increase in numbers does not mean, however, that there is a lack of energy in the work of the Lodges or of the workers in general. The syllabus of the Lodge meetings, published every month in our Section magazine, shows a great variety of subjects for the public lectures, and as a rule these are very well attended. The relatively short distances between different parts of the country make it possible for speakers, living in the larger cities of the West, to visit places where the available number of workers is smaller. The natural diffidence of the Dutch, along with the difficult economical circumstances, prevent people from joining the Society although they may be interested in its work.

While doing our work confidently and cheerfully, we note with a feeling

of great satisfaction the interest Her Majesty the Queen of Holland is taking not in one spiritual movement specially, but in the spiritual basis of the system in which we live and move. A small group of devoted workers has gathered round her, and people of all kinds of denominations are being invited to meetings in the surroundings of an old Royal Castle, in which lectures and discussions on problems of importance for the development of mankind take place. Several of our members, including the undersigned and his wife, have been invited to these gatherings at which the Queen, who takes a keen interest in the proceedings, is always present. This reminds one of what history tells about the court of King Akbar, four hundred years ago.

We think that this Queenly interest in the spiritual side of life which is ever more obvious in the speeches she delivers in Holland and abroad, is a factor of great importance, not only for our country but also for the world in general.

In February the present General Secretary was re-elected for a period of three years.

J. N. VAN DER LEY,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

During the year, there has been a change of General Secretary after an extraordinary General Assembly held on 29-12-51, when Dr. Thorin resigned. Mr. Francis Brunel was chosen by the Governing Council to lead the French Section until the normal Convention, during which he was elected General Secretary.

In spite of some inner difficulties, the French Section has carried on its

work of bringing Theosophy to the outer world with increasing strength, in France as well as those overseas territories which belong to the French Union or which have French-speaking population or groups: Luxembourg: Monaco; North Africa: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia; Africa; Cameroun, Congo, Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Gabon, Guinea, French Nigeria, Senegal, Soudan, Tchad, Togo, Volta; America:

Guiana, Antillias; Indian Ocean: Madagascar; Asia: Cambodia and Tonkin; and attached members in Argentina, Brazil, Ethiopia, Haiti, Israel, Italy, Lebanon and Turkey.

Membership and Lodges.—At the date of 1-10-1952 the Section had 63 Lodges with a membership of 1739. This means an increase of 14 new or revived Lodges. 188 new members have joined the Society, 126 have been reinstated, totalling 314. Transfers to the Section numbered 4, deaths 15, resignations 29 and lapsings 227.

Headquarters.—Building—Some technical improvements of our Headquarters have been undertaken.

Theosophical Programmes.—Regular public Theosophical Lectures and courses have been given throughout the year at Headquarters and in provincial centres except during the summer vacation period.

A course dealing with Music and Spiritual Life has been carried out—as in previous years—by Mr. Maze and a group of mediæval instrumental musicians.

Library.—Our Library has always occupied an important place in the activities of the French Section. A very beautiful exhibition of its treasures was organized during the National Convention showing old manuscripts, and rare or unique specimens of books dealing with occultism, philosophy, astrology and Theosophy.

The Publication Scheme.—This scheme is progressing according to a regular and steady pace. During this year works of H. P. Blavatsky, Annie

Besant, Sri Aurobindo, Shankaracharya and contemporary authors have been re-printed or published.

National Field Programme.—The General Secretary, Francis Brunel, has visited several Lodges in the Eastern and South-Eastern regions of France. A Federation of Lodges in the province of Ile de France, including Paris, has been created to stimulate and co-ordinate the Theosophical work in this part of France.

The Young Theosophists organized a national camp. The group of young people from Lyons have created a small centre in the Alp mountains and every week-end is marked by their happy activities in a chalet which they have completely restored and organized for camps, seminars or holidays.

The Theosophical Mutual Help, a special group dedicated to helping those brothers who are in need, has continued its activity.

Guests of Honour.—The French Section has had the great privilege of receiving visits by the President, Mr. C. Jinārādāsa and Mr. Sri Ram. The President spent several days in Nice and in Marseilles and delivered in those two places two lectures. Mr. Sri Ram has been twice in Paris and has delivered an inspiring and much appreciated lecture in the Adyar Hall at Headquarters.

Evaluation of Work Ahead.—Much work awaits us indeed in the future and activities will know a great increase in the various fields of Theosophy to make of it a living inspiring Force in France and its dependent territories.

FRANCIS BRUNEL,

General Secretary.

ITALY

It is now seven years since the Italian Theosophical Society was reconstructed after its closure decreed by the fascist government in 1928 and the end of the second world war.

The end of this space of seven years corresponded with the Golden Jubilee of its foundation that took place in Rome on the 1st of February, 1902 and constitutes a happy coincidence with the Golden Jubilee of our President Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa as a Theosophical lecturer and with the XXI Convention of the European Theosophical Federation which was celebrated in Montecatini from 3 to 10 October, 1952.

For this threefold event which left a profound mark in the history of the Italian Theosophical life, the whole Section considered itself mobilised for more than a year before and the fraternal co-operation of the members, especially of Mr. and Mrs. Hack and also of some members of the European Federation, has secured the success of those happy occurrences.

Besides the preparation of these two Conventions, the Italian Section has carried on usual activities, conscious of the need to represent a definite thought current for the creation in Italian public opinion, of the spirit of national regeneration in the light of Theosophy.

Our Theosophical Review, *Alba Spirituale*, has aimed through articles written by Italian members and through summaries of articles from other Theosophical reviews, to develop the above-mentioned thought current, fighting against materialism, fanaticism and intolerance of any sort. Our Review is published monthly in 32 pages and is somewhat a fatigue to the General Secretary who is the editor and the main contributor, and for the treasury an expense that has been supported by the renouncing of any compensation and refunding of expenses on the part

of the General Secretary. It must be, however, recognized that the review constitutes for us the best means of propaganda and of the defence of liberty of conscience and science in our nation, which is fundamentally Catholic and inclined to intolerance towards all other beliefs which contradict the orthodox tradition and the abstruse theological doctrines.

An evident example of this intolerance we had this year in the prohibition of the Theosophical Congress in Florence, and in the fact that many Presidents of our Lodges had to undergo investigations by the police, besides being denied permission to raise the Italian Theosophical Society into a juridical entity.

I consider, however, these external difficulties as "karmic trials" which the Section has to face and to overcome for the necessary selection of the individuals who constitute the national Society and which will help to make them stronger and more capable of fulfilling their mission.

The Italian Section has been very happy to welcome so many foreign brethren who came to Montecatini from 24 Nations, and especially to have the highly desired presence of our President, who had decided to come to Italy expressly in order to celebrate his Golden Jubilee as a Theosophical lecturer. The Lodges of Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice, Genova, Milan and Turin have had the honour of a visit from him, during which he offered in the members' meetings his wisdom and inspiration, and gave public lectures to numerous audiences on the subject of "The Principles of Good and Evil, of Just and Unjust".

The Italian Theosophical Society justly considers as "historical" the date of the Convention in Montecatini; and in concluding this report I want to express our deep gratitude in the

name of the Section and in my own, to our President Mr. Jinārājādāsa, to the representatives of the European Theosophical Federation and of the different national Sections, and also to Mr. Albert Sassi, ex-General Secretary of the Swiss Section, who translated

so splendidly all the speeches and lectures.

The membership stands at 938 with 38 Lodges.

Dr. GIUSEPPE GASCO,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The Lodges continued their regular study work, giving lectures for members and guests and studying Theosophical books. The Lodges in Berlin and Hamburg worked with particular success, so that we have in these Lodges the biggest number of members.

With regard to public lectures we have still the old difficulties because it is not easy to find good lecturers in our country, and on the other hand it is very difficult in most places to find suitable halls for this purpose, and thirdly the hire for such rooms as well as the costs of all kinds of public propaganda are extremely high so that it is in every case really a financial risk for a Lodge to arrange a public lecture.

I am very happy that I can report about our third Summer School in Rendsburg which was attended by more than 100 members from all parts of Germany and which was very successful. In connection with the Summer School we celebrated the fifty years Jubilee of the German Section. We had Mr. N. Sri Ram as our Guest of Honour with us and the General Secretary of the European Federation, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, brought the good wishes of the Federation. There were also representatives of Holland, Switzerland and Sweden to bring us the greetings of their Sections including the General Secretary of the neighbouring Section of Holland, Professor van der Ley. The gathering was very happy to receive a cable from the President and greetings from

Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale and Miss Zahara in Adyar.

During our meeting Mr. Sri Ram gave four excellent lectures and answered questions. I am very happy that it was possible to record the texts of these lectures so that we could produce 150 copies for Lodges and members after having made the necessary translations into German.

Miss Helma Kool from Holland and several German speakers gave also a number of beautiful lectures. The undersigned, General Secretary of the German Section, gave the festival address at the Jubilee Convention with a short history of the German Section.

We very much appreciated that nearly all German Lodges could send representatives for this important meeting and it was the first time several members from Berlin could attend our Summer School.

In November 1951 the General Secretaries of the three German-speaking Sections met with Mr. van Dissel in the house of Mrs. Scheffmacher in Basel in Switzerland for a regional meeting and discussed those problems which are common to the three Sections, including the question how to continue with the German periodical *Adyar* which is distributed to all members without extra payment above the general annual fees.

It was also decided at this gathering that the "*Adyar*"—Verlag in Graz in Austria should be enabled to issue new

Theosophical books to meet the great lack of such literature in our language. For this purpose the European Federation gave a loan of 200 Eng. pounds for the publishing house in Graz and this money made it possible to print as the first new book *Introductory Studies in Theosophy* by A. Gardner, in German.

Membership.—The membership stands at 631 in 21 Lodges.

In December 1951 I was able to visit some of our Lodges in the West of our country and I attended a beautiful Christmas festival of a group of Young Theosophists in Rhineland.

MARTIN BOYKEN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

Membership.—The number of the Lodges in this Section remains the same. Two new Lodges *Luz Maria Durand* at Guayos City and *Devenir* (Juvenil Lodge) at Sancti-Spiritus were formed; and two Lodges were dissolved *Sol de Mercedes* and *Rayos de Luz*. This Section has 33 Lodges.

The membership stands at 617, a decrease of 5.

Activities.—We have worked to spread our ideas of Theosophy and addresses to the Lodge were given by many members, particularly Mrs. Mary Maville de Rezzonico and Mr. Pelagio Garma. Also we have had the visit of the Mexican sister, Miss Luz Maria Durand, who came from Adyar and delivered several lectures in many cities. The Review *La Revista Teosofica Cubana*, the official organ of this Section, has been published regularly. *Teosofia*, the organ of the Eastern Federation has changed its name and is now called *Orientacion* and this review is dedicated to

Mr. Krishnamurti's teachings. Also the *Ciudamar Centre* of the Eastern Federation has proclaimed itself as a *Centre Dedicated to the Krishnamurti Teachings*.

Visitors to the Cuban Section.—This year our visitor was our Mexican sister Miss Luz Maria Durand. Her presence in Cuba has been a very great help. One Lodge she founded in Guayos City has her name.

The Eastern Federation.—This Federation is alive despite certain problems and has nine Lodges. The *Rayos de Luz* Lodge was dissolved due to the resignation of all its members and the returning back of its Charter.

The Cuban Section goes on well with a decrease of only five members.

The activities at Habana City are going on well; the eight Lodges in the city have their meetings at the new building they have constructed in Lombillo Street.

LORGIO VARGAS GARCIA,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The Theosophical life in Helsinki has been full of activities. Seven Lodges have their own meetings once a week and a Questions and Answers meeting for the public every Saturday. Activities of youth have had some difficulties, but I hope that by now they are quite overcome. Activities of children have continued as before. There are 35 children on the rolls. The Round Table has now 16 members.

Also in several places outside Helsinki, Lodges have meetings regularly. The strongest country Lodge is in Tampere. But there are also Lodges which are less active. All the Lodges have been kept in touch with Helsinki Headquarters by regular circular letters and the General Secretary has visited country Lodges.

The membership stands now at 710.

Through the Section Journal *Teosofi* we keep members and those interested in Theosophy informed about the work of the Society in general and that of the National Society in particular. The number of subscribers is now 800.

The chief Theosophical anniversaries, Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated with festivals. We collected for the Olcott Harijan School Fmk. 13,000 and sent to Adyar Rs. 257-6-0. We also collected Fmk. 100,000 for the Adyar Day Fund. That makes about 2000 Rupees and this amount was transmitted to Adyar.

The Annual Convention took place on March 23rd-25th in Helsinki. It was a happy and enthusiastic gathering, though no foreign guests attended.

An unforgettable event was the visit of Mr. N. Sri Ram. He arrived on the 13th June at Helsinki. Our members were keyed up to the occasion and many journeyed into Helsinki coming long distances from Lodges all over Finland. On the 14th the first meeting for members took place. Mr. Sri Ram

then spoke about the work of the Theosophical Society. On Sunday, the 15th there were two lectures for members "The Path to Spiritual Reality" and "The World at the Cross-Roads." There were about 200 members on each occasion. On Tuesday Mr. Sri Ram gave a public lecture on "The Soul of India". This lecture was attended by many members from a Society called "Friends of India." All the seats in the hall were occupied. Mr. Sri Ram then made a trip to Tampere and gave a public lecture on "What is Theosophy" at the Town Hall. It was the first time that a foreign Theosophist had given a public lecture in Tampere, so it was a great event. About 250 persons were present. After the lecture Mr. Sri Ram met members and spoke to them. He was also interviewed by a local newspaper. From Tampere Mr. Sri Ram came back to Helsinki and on 19th June the last meeting took place. It was a Questions and Answers meeting. Again about 200 members were present. Such visits always are an inspiration to the Society and the effect of them will be felt for a long time afterwards.

We are very grateful to the English Section for the help which it has given us by sending study courses and allocating means for lecturers to visit Scandinavian Sections.

Three of our members were present at the Summer School in Gamel Præstegaard, Denmark, and the General Secretary took part there at the meetings dealing with the regular work in Scandinavia. The co-operation will surely strengthen the work of all the Scandinavian Sections.

Three of our members were present at the International Camp at Camberley, England, in August and twenty-three were planning to be present at the European Congress at Montecatini, Italy, in October.

In conclusion, I wish to say that during the year under report we have tried to work towards the aim about

which our President talked at the Australian Convention last year: The experience of the Divinity of Mankind.

SIGNE ROSVALL,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Several of our members after their return from Adyar, the heart of our Theosophical Work, shared the inspiration they had received with their Lodges. Thus the work started with a deep and earnest keynote which resounded throughout the year in many efforts aimed at raising the standard of the work in several of its Lodges.

New Lodge Property.—A long-cherished dream of the Johannesburg Lodge, our oldest and biggest Lodge, came true when their beautiful new building was opened and dedicated on December 15. After the Lodge had received notice to vacate its rented hall, the prospects did not seem too bright, but a suitable place was found and bought, and within three and a half months it was converted from a dilapidated old house to the beautiful home it is now. The Lodge owes a debt of gratitude to all the members who worked so hard on this "Case of Conversion", as it was jokingly called at the impressive opening function just before the Christmas recess. We congratulate the Lodge on this lovely building.

All the Lodges, including the five new ones, have carried on their work regularly and attracted new people to Theosophy.

Five New Lodges.—Preparatory field-work continued throughout the year and has already borne fruit in the formation of five new Lodges, *i.e.*, the Queenstown Lodge (Cape Prov.); the Mazoe Lodge (S. Rhodesia); the Vanderbylpark and Westonaria Lodges (both in the Transvaal) and the Somerset West Lodge in the Cape Province.

Lecture Programmes.—During April our Section has been blessed by a visit from our much respected and beloved leader Mr. N. Sri Ram who came here on his way from Adyar to Europe. He visited the four bigger Lodges in South Africa (Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban) and also the Bulawayo and Salisbury Lodges in Rhodesia, besides honouring our Easter Convention in Johannesburg with his presence. He contacted friends of various races and his deep spirituality, his wisdom and tact made

a lasting impression on all who met him.

We are also deeply grateful to three other overseas visitors: Mrs. Olive Stevenson-Howell who visited all our Lodges, bringing fresh inspiration by her lively lectures, and Mr. John Coats and his wife Betsan Coats. Mr. and Mrs. Coats travelled extensively through our Section for nearly 4 months. Each brought their special gift and their enthusiasm.

We are also thankful to Miss Clara Codd whose lectures have been, as always, very well received. Mrs. Beatrice Ensor gave several lectures in Port Elizabeth and George, thus helping these smaller Lodges. My husband and I gave regular talks in Vereeniging besides in most of the new Lodges and several lectures in Johannesburg and Pretoria. Mr. and Mrs. Pizzighelli spent their holiday in East London and during that time Mr. Pizzighelli gave lectures to the East London and Port Elizabeth Lodges and to an interested group in Queenstown and later also in Rhodesia. Mrs. Scarnell-Lean and Mr. Pizzighelli made good use of the newly-acquired epidiascope to illustrate some very interesting and original talks. Mr. J. J. van Ginkel, on his own initiative, made a tour of all the Lodges.

Most Lodges have conducted regular initiation ceremonies and have observed special Theosophical days, such as White Lotus Day and Foundation Day, which were commemorated in a fitting manner.

Membership.—This shows a very satisfactory increase of 49. New admissions amounted to 114. The total membership now is 646. This is mainly due to the intensity of the Fieldwork, resulting in 5 new Lodges.

Correspondence Course.—This course is continually drawing new people to Theosophy. In Cape Town Mrs. Mitford-Barberton's efforts resulted in the enrolment of several new members and

library members and also in Johannesburg the Course is regularly advertised and extensively used.

Publicity.—Our Publicity Officer, Mrs. Scarnell-Lean, has been very active in the distribution of pamphlets. Nearly all the existing South African pamphlets have been used up. During her visit to England Mrs. Scarnell-Lean bought fresh supplies from the English Section. We also acquired a new Adyar pamphlet: *Theosophy Offers*. Yet we feel that we need besides these some good new South African material so that in due course we may print some original pamphlets again.

Section Library.—The Library, which is housed in Pretoria, has benefited by the addition of some new books.

Institute for Theosophical Publicity.—The Institute has almost sold out Miss Codd's autobiography *So Rich a Life*, which found a ready sale in all countries. At the Easter Convention the Institute displayed its second book *Bruno* by one of our members. The work of the Institute is essential to our Section and we are much indebted to Mrs. Dougall, Mrs. Scarnell-Lean and others for their laudable initiative and for the energy they have given so freely in this good cause. We welcomed Mr. Sri Ram's excellent new books, which were all reviewed in *The Link*. The Institute is now gathering material from our own members for a book to be called *Harvest*.

Clara Codd Pension Trust Fund.—This fund continues to receive support which to a great extent comes from other Sections and overseas friends. This income, together with the interest, covered the amount paid out to Miss Codd during the year and left a slightly increased balance.

Visiting Lecturers' Fund.—Donations from Lodges have enabled us to invite Mr. Sri Ram to visit the Section and to offer a substantial contribution towards his international travelling

expenses. The fund, however, needs our constant attention if we wish to reap the benefits from other overseas lecturers, and so I hope that Lodges will not relax their efforts, especially as we are looking forward to a visit from Mr. Geoffrey Hodson in 1954.

Service Group Work.—In this field I am proud to note that in almost every department of welfare work we find our members taking an active part.

Bequest of the late Miss Mary Waller.—The Johannesburg Lodge has profited from a very generous bequest in its favour from one of its devoted members, the late Miss Mary Waller.

The Link.—Owing to a further increase in the cost of printing we have decided to issue four instead of six numbers per year. I receive continual tokens of appreciation of *The Link* from all over the world.

Conclusion.—In conclusion I wish to express my deep-felt gratitude to all who have worked with so much devotion for the great Cause which is so near our hearts.

Our thoughts go to the members everywhere, who are the bricks with which our structure is built. In Adyar, a simple stone is erected on which the following words are carved: "To those unknown members of the Theosophical Society throughout the world whose silent loyalty and sacrifice ensures to it the Master's constant blessing."

May we respond in an ever-increasing measure to the great need of the world today, remembering that we have been called to work for humanity through Theosophy. We have a message to give to the world which, if understood in its full content, could become the basis of a universal social order and a universal standard of morality. And the essence of this message is the assurance of the Divine Nature of Man in spite of all apparent failure.

May the realization of the full meaning of this Truth stimulate us to act with an ever-deepening dedication to the Work to which we have committed ourselves.

ELEANOR STAKESBY-LEWIS,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

There is nothing novel to report concerning the year under review, but the work as a whole has been steadily maintained, and all the usual activities have been carried through. The membership at June 1952, stood at 299, a drop of 20, but this was almost entirely due to the continuance of the practice of suspending members of whom nothing had been heard for two years, and some of these will almost certainly re-join. The three districts, Eastern, Western and Northern, all carried through their regular programmes much as usual, and, in addition, co-operated with other Lodges in activities of a more general nature. Visiting lecturers

included Mrs. Ransom and Mr. Hartley from the English Section and Dr. Shearman from Northern Ireland. In return two of the Scottish members have undertaken lecturing tours in the English Section, and several of the younger members have made their first appearance on the platform as lecturers. In addition to this, several of the members speak regularly to other Societies.

The Library continues its work on an extensive scale. It has a very large and comprehensive collection of books, and, as volumes are regularly being added, it is thoroughly up-to-date, and is largely taken advantage of, not only by members but by the outside public.

An interesting and successful experiment was carried out at Kirkcaldy, where the General Secretary gave a series of seven study-talks on "The Fundamentals of the Secret Doctrine".

Although general War-Relief work has now ceased, help in the form of food and clothing is still being given to a family of displaced persons with Theosophical connections.

The Annual Convention took place on 17th and 18th May with Mr. N. Sri Ram as Guest of Honour. There was a large and representative gathering of members from all the three Districts, and the Convention proved a very happy and successful one. In view of the marked and continual increase in

costs all round, and the consequent financial difficulties, a motion to increase the dues to Headquarters by 5/- per annum was put to the meeting and, after due discussion, was carried by a large majority. Mr. Sri Ram's contributions to the Convention were much appreciated and he departed leaving the members with the happiest memories of his serene and gracious personality. During the year the proceeds of various collections, mostly those taken at Red Letter Day meetings, were forwarded in aid of the various Adyar activities.

EDWARD GALL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

In October 1951, we had a visit from Mr. Gaston Polak, past General Secretary for Belgium, who gave a public lecture on *Neoplatonism and the School of Alexandria*.

Mr. van Dissel organized a regional meeting of German-speaking countries at Basel, which was attended by Dr. Boyken, General Secretary for Germany, Mr. Schleifer (General Secretary) and Dr. Lauppert for Austria, and Mrs. Scheffmacher and Mr. Sassi, for Switzerland.

Mr. Schleifer invited the past General Secretary Mr. Sassi to pay a visit in March to the Austrian Section in Vienna. Mr. Sassi was also invited by the French Section to give in April 1952, a public lecture to the French Convention on *The Dharma of Europe*.

Public Work.—The public work at the Headquarters has been emphasized by a special effort to present the Theosophical teachings in a new garb. This effort was especially due to the collaboration of Mr. Georges Tripet, who delivered 10 lectures to a large audience.

Mr. Sassi and Mr. Alfred Reisch gave several symposia on the main problems of life. The same effort was repeated by Mr. Tripet and Mr. Sassi in Lausanne.

Mr. Hanspeter Wyss gave three interesting public lectures in Basel on *Occultism, Mysticism and Yoga*.

A series of lectures was organized by Dr. Anna Kamensky under the general title of *L'Humanisme Universel*, with the contribution of several professors of the Geneva University.

Mr. John Coats paid a visit to the Headquarters where he gave two lectures which met with great success.

In April, Mrs. Rachel Tripet was installed as General Secretary for the next three years.

In June the Section lost a very valuable member in the person of Mrs. Kamensky.

In September we had the pleasure of having Mr. Sri Ram with us. He gave some very interesting lectures in Geneva, in German Switzerland and also in Locarno.

Activity of the Lodges.—This year was a year of intense activity in the Lodges. Some of them began the study of *The Secret Doctrine* and the group of the Genevese Lodges met for the study of *Symbolic Yoga* by Dr. George S. Arundale. The classics of Theosophy are in high favour in our Lodges, especially *The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant, *First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarājadāsa and books by

C. W. Leadbeater, as well as the classics of our *Ethic: the Voice of the Silence*, *Light on the Path*, and *At the Feet of the Master*, and also *In the Outer Court* by Annie Besant.

Membership.—The membership stands at 258 in 12 Lodges, a gain of 5 members.

RACHEL TRIPET,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

Membership.—This year was better than last, from all points of view perhaps, but certainly concerning the increase of membership.

Last year the number of our members was 300. Today we have 317, a net increase of 17 members.

Lodges.—All our Lodges did good work in Brussels as well as in the provinces. The Lodges are still 11 in number; 6 in Brussels, 3 in Antwerp, 1 in Liège and 1 in Gand.

Lectures.—The lectures this year have been always well attended. We had more co-ordination in our programmes especially at the beginning of the year. They aimed at a harmonious whole which gave excellent results, as proved by the increase of membership (8 admissions in 1950-51 and 35 in 1951-1952).

From October to December we had a very fine programme with the general title: *From the Spring to the Seas* and the sub-title *What is Man?*

Mr. John Coats from England made a lecture tour in Belgium, visiting Antwerp, Liège and Brussels. In September 1951 we had the joy, privilege and honour to receive in Brussels our beloved Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale, who gave an admirable public lecture *Theosophy of the Heart* and for members a demonstration of what are the "mudras". For both lectures there

were crowded halls. At each lecture members of the Indian Embassy were present.

The Theosophical anniversaries were well organized.

To sum up, we had at Headquarters 34 meetings. If we add to these the 9 very interesting public lessons on Theosophy given by Mr. Ed van der Hecht we have a result of 43 meetings plus the regular meetings of the Lodges (all of them meet regularly every fortnight).

Library and Bookshop.—These were extremely active, thanks to the devotion and unceasing work of Mr. van der Hecht and Mr. A. Neels. Our bookshop is actually well known to many bookshops in town and in the provinces to whom Mr. Neels provides Theosophical works.

As we do not have a national review, the General Secretary has written a monthly letter to all members giving the most important international news received. These letters were very much appreciated.

The Government gave us this year the accustomed subsidy but has announced to many organizations the decision of withdrawing it in the future. The Section is amongst them. This is owing to the predominance of the Catholics in the Government of this country.

The Future.—We will perhaps have the Summer School for French speaking countries in Belgium in Summer 1953, but we are not yet sure of finding the necessary accommodation. Nevertheless we hope to succeed.

The admission of two young and very charming members gives us the

hope of starting in October a Youth Group in this country.

At the election on June 29, Mlle. Serge Brisy was re-elected as General Secretary and Mme. Van den Houten as Secretary.

SERGE BRISY,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

During the year the number of Lodges remained at 16. Three Centres were established at Kebajoran, the satellite-town of Djakarta, at Ngandjuk and Muntilan. As the number of members in the Centres at Ngandjuk and Muntilan is more than 7, it is hoped that they will soon become Lodges.

During the Easter holidays the Annual Convention was held in Surabaya attended by delegates from all Lodges and other members. Among the main decisions made at the Convention were the following: (a) to continue the issue of the P.T.T.I. magazine; (b) to translate books on Theosophy into the Indonesian language; (c) to increase the contribution and (d) to establish as soon as possible a Theosophical buildings-foundation.

Already the need for translating Dutch-English Theosophical books into Indonesian is felt, as many old members do not understand foreign languages, while young people who master the Dutch language are decreasing, as Dutch has not been taught any more since 1942.

Theosophical Buildings.—Only the Lodges in Semarang, Surabaya, Solo, Purwokerto and Medan are fortunate to have back their Lodge buildings, where the members can meet

regularly. The other Lodges have to hold their meetings in a rented house, in the house of one of the members or in other places.

Activities.—Usually each Lodge has its study-group for members and one for non-members who take an interest in Theosophy. To spread Theosophy public lectures are delivered now and then or lectures are given in other spiritual societies. The Medan Lodge and the Blavatsky Lodge have their own mimeographed magazines. A magazine entitled *Brahmavidya* is issued by a Theosophical member, Bro. Kusumodihardjo. This magazine is read not only by members but also by non-members. Memorable days are commemorated in every Lodge.

The visit of Mr. C. D. Shores was very much appreciated by the Lodges.

The number of members in this Section stands at 516. 86 members joined the Society but many resigned owing to their leaving the country. With the translation of Theosophical books into Indonesian it may be expected that the literature of Theosophy will get a wider circle of readers.

SOEMARDJO,
General Secretary.

BURMA

General.—"From Stability to Welfare State" was the slogan adopted by the Government during the year under report, and we are glad to say that the insurgent disturbances that ravaged the country during the last four years have been greatly minimised.

Membership.—The total number of members at the close of the year was 81 as compared with 64 last year. It is, indeed, heartening that more and more Burmese members are coming in and taking active part in the working of the Lodges.

The Olcott Lodge, Rangoon.—In Rangoon, the Olcott Lodge was primarily responsible for the holding of Theosophical functions, such as birth-days of the Founders and Presidents of the Society, White Lotus Day, Foundation Day and Adyar Day. A small collection received on Adyar Day was duly remitted to Adyar. The World Day for Animals and United Nations Day were also fittingly celebrated.

The Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes on Theosophy and allied subjects were regularly kept up, though it must be admitted that the attendance, especially on Wednesdays, has been somewhat poor.

Rangoon was fortunate in having the benefit of a visit from Mr. C. D. T. Shores from Adyar during the year, and this gave much impetus to the workers for greater service in the cause of Theosophy. His public lectures, both in the Lodge and in another organization attracted large and appreciative audiences.

Owing to the high cost of maintenance and repair charges of the Lodge building, members continued to donate liberally to the Self Denial Fund which is raised especially to meet such charges.

The Youth Lodge, Rangoon.—The members of the Youth Lodge have done useful work in bringing about

closer association among the members by organizing delightful social functions.

The Lotus Lodge, Mandalay.—Attempts made during the year to regain possession of the Lodge building in Mandalay have not been successful, and hence weekly study classes were held regularly throughout the year in a member's house. Members are also taking active part in the English Speaking Club.

Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo.—This Lodge was resuscitated on the 17th November 1951, soon after the Lodge buildings and lands were recovered from the squatters through official help. Theosophical meetings and lectures were actually held several months earlier, thanks to the Rotary Club which was generous enough to place its premises at the disposal of the members of the Theosophical Society for the purpose. The buildings have now been repaired and Theosophical activities are being carried on there. The report reveals that over two hundred people attended the opening function and that the weekly classes are always well attended.

It is hoped that with the establishment of greater stability in the country other Lodges that are now dormant will be revived as well.

Lectures Delivered and Theosophical Books Studied.—These covered a variety of subjects and titles.

The Burma Humanitarian League.—A marked feature of the year was the vigour with which the League carried on its propaganda against cow-slaughter at the Muslim festival of the Bakr-Idd. Much success has also been achieved in its propaganda against animal sacrifice at the Hindu temples in and around Rangoon. A book of 150 pages entitled *An Introduction to Vegetarianism* in Burmese is being given free to those who pledge to the

League to become vegetarians for a period of not less than 3 months.

The Government has been gracious enough to close all slaughter houses on the World Day for Animals, at the beginning and end of the Buddhist Lent, on all Sabbath days during the Lent, and on the Martyrs' Day.

B.E.T. Co-educational School.—The representatives of the Society on the Burma Educational Trust continued to take active interest in this School, which has a Theosophist as its Head Mistress. The School, now being run in two sections (Burmese and Tamil) continues to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Annie Besant, who laid its foundation stone.

The Theosophical Book Depot.—A copy of each of the books available at the Book Depot was purchased by the

National Library, and action is being taken to obtain from Adyar new stocks of books both for sale and for further supply to that Library.

Conventions.—As usual, two Conventions were held during the year, one being the Section Convention and another the Support Convention. The Section Convention comprised a crowded programme of lectures, business meetings, informal talks and social engagements, taking up the whole of a Sunday.

Conclusion.—Burma suffers from a serious lack of Theosophical lecturers and active workers, and to make the Lodges more alive it is felt that more visits by leaders and international lecturers on Theosophy are needed.

PO LAT,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

This year the keynote of the activities of our Section was the reorganization of our Regulations to conform with those of the world Society. With regard to the four towns, Wien, Graz, Bruck and Linz where there are Lodges, there were fixed *Ortsgruppen*, forming at the same time a *Federation of Lodges*. If there is only one Lodge, it is to be the nucleus of a Federation in the becoming.

The former name *Lodge* had to have substituted a new word *Arbeitsgruppe* because the political conditions in our country made it necessary to avoid words whose meaning here may identify them with Freemasonry.

Every *Otsgruppe* delegates some members to *The Zentral-Rat*, corresponding to *The General Council* in Adyar, whose President here is the General Secretary.

Regional Work.—In October 1951 the General Secretary, invited by the General Secretary of the Theosophical

Society in Europe, met his colleagues of Germany and Switzerland in Basle, preparing a common *Regional Work* for their German-speaking membership. It was resolved to nominate the Austrian Theosophical periodical *Adyar* as a regional periodical in the German language. Dr. N. Lauppert was nominated as its Editor, as he founded this periodical in 1946 in Graz and edited it always in an excellent manner.

The Theosophical Publishing House in Graz received a long term loan of U.S.A. dollars 560 under the guardianship of the General Secretaries of Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Presidentship of Mr. J. E. van Dissel. Thanks to that loan it was possible to print in May and August 1952 two books: *Goethe's Faust* by C. Jinarājadāsa and *Einführung in die Theosophie* by A. Gardner. For winter 1952-53 a German translation of H. P. B.'s *Voice of the Silence* is planned.

Activities.—This year the activities of the four *Ortsgruppen* were again very enthusiastic. Lecturers visited alternately the Groups in the four towns mentioned. Also in Vienna M. Albert Sassi, ex-General Secretary of Switzerland, gave two lectures, beginning the planned regional work between Switzerland and Austria. This work is to be continued by sending lecturers to the neighbouring Sections so as to strengthen the work. M. Sassi delivered an interesting public lecture in Vienna, *The Culture of India*, showing at the same time coloured slides taken in India by himself.

Youth Work.—In Vienna, this year again, the Young Theosophists and other young people interested in Theosophy were invited fortnightly to the home of the General Secretary. Some books of writers such as H. P. Blavatsky,

Dr. Franz Hartmann, C. W. Leadbeater, Annie Besant and J. Krishnamurti were studied and commonly discussed. In this way a group of 19 young people met regularly.

Membership.—This year the number of members decreased again from 364 to 322 though 13 Lodges worked. We gained 16 members and lost 9 by death, transfer or resignation and 49 by inactivity.

The new regulations ask that every *Ortsgruppe* should pay the fees for every one of its members notwithstanding whether a member is insolvent or not. The consequence is that the lists of members are controlled in a more rigorous manner.

This year we have lost two old workers by death.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

The regular Lodge work has been steady and to a certain extent fruitful. The ever present problem is how to keep the Theosophical interest living and active within every member.

For this regular work within our small Lodges we have received fresh inspiration and new impulses from the visits from abroad. For a small Section like the Norwegian it is a great boon to know itself as a part of the much greater international Theosophical Society.

In October we were visited by Mrs. Josephine Ransom, the invaluable old friend of the Scandinavian Sections. She was accompanied by Mrs. Stephenson, leader of the Order of the Round Table, and Mrs. Boag. Mrs. Ransom gave an inspiring public lecture on *Universal Brotherhood*, and also talks to members. Mrs. Ransom always brings us in contact with the source of all true Theosophical knowledge from

the days of H. P. Blavatsky to our own days, inspiring all Theosophical works throughout the world.

Mrs. Stephenson used the opportunity to examine the possibilities of re-starting the work within the Order of the Round Table in Norway. She succeeded and the work was taken up again with Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen as the Leading Knight.

Just after the visit of Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Dr. Lawrence J. Bendit arrived. He gave a most instructive public lecture on *Parapsychology* and at a meeting for members he talked about the Scientific Group working in London, its methods and aims. Dr. Bendit won many new friends in Oslo and we indeed hope to see him again within a short time.

I have given two public lectures, on *Bible and Myth*, and *Theosophy—a realistic view on life*.

As mentioned in my last report we have had our office open for book sales and information. The result has been satisfactory, although our expectations have not been quite realized.

At our Annual Convention we were favoured by the visit of Mr. N. Sri Ram. This was a special event in the history of our Section. Mr. N. Sri Ram gave two public lectures, *What is Theosophy* and *The Secret of Happiness*. Our hall was filled with eagerly listening members and interested persons numbering about 50 to 80. Spontaneous applause from the audi-

ence after the last public lecture expressed in a most convincing way the thankfulness and the eager interest of the listeners.

Five members including the General Secretary were able to attend the Summer School held at Gammel Præstegaard at which Mrs. Ransom, Mr. N. Sri Ram, Mr. J. E. van Dissel and Mr. Raven were the chief figures.

The membership in this Section stands at 161 with 7 Lodges.

ERNST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

No Report

DENMARK

During the year public lectures were held at Aarhus, Aalborg, and Copenhagen.

In the Autumn of 1951 we had a visit from Mrs. Ransom. She stayed at Aarhus and Copenhagen and gave both public lectures and lectures for members.

A member in Copenhagen Miss Laura Jensen has suggested the idea of establishing a fund with the purpose of creating in Copenhagen in the future a place where Theosophists from the whole country can meet together. To the fund is given an amount of about Kr. 4,000,00, which was collected years ago to make a building for the Theosophists in Denmark. The fund has had a good start.

The Annual Convention was held on the 9th and 10th of May at Odense, the central town of the island of Funen and the birthplace of the poet Hans Christian Andersen. Mr. J. H. Möller was re-elected as General Secretary. At a public meeting attended by about 90 persons Mrs. Engelstoft-Schmidt gave a

lecture on "Evolution through the Kingdoms of Nature", which was followed by an animated discussion. Mr. Otto Viking gave a talk to the members.

The number of members is now 314.

During the Convention a spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevailed, and the gathering was much appreciated by the members.

In July 1952 a Summer School was held at Gammel Præstegaard. It was, as previously, led in an excellent way by Mrs. Ransom. Mr. Sri Ram was present and made the Summer School unforgettable for the members. 60 members from Norway, Sweden, Finland, England, Holland and Denmark were present; amongst these were the General Secretaries from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Holland and Denmark. Also Mr. van Dissel, the General Secretary of the European Federation, attended the Summer School for a few days.

J. H. MÖLLER,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

The past year has been one of regular, sustained effort. There has not been a noticeable increase in membership, but numerous enquiries and requests for literature have been received, with reference to Theosophy and the Theosophical Society, from different parts of Ireland, including Limerick, Waterford, Monaghan and Co. Clare.

At the Annual Convention held at Headquarters, June 9th and 10th, 1951, Mrs. Josephine Ransom was Guest Speaker. She addressed the members on June 9th at an informal gathering, on the subject of "H.P.B. and Her Work". On Sunday afternoon, the title chosen for her public lecture was "Modern Spiritual Life and Problems".

We were very happy to have Mrs. Ransom with us in Dublin for a few days after Convention, when we availed ourselves again of the opportunity of benefiting from her deep and profound knowledge and experience.

During the Autumn Session Mr. Leslie Pielou continued his series of Talks on "What is Man?" We were favoured also with addresses from Mrs. Claire O'Shea and Mr. Art. O'Murnaghan on different aspects of Ancient Celtic Lore. A new comer to the Dublin Lodges' platform was Mr. J. C. Hamilton, who gave a most interesting exposition on "Health and Right Thinking". United Nations Day was commemorated on October 24th, when we were extremely fortunate in securing the co-operation of Mr. John Coats, who gave an enlightening address on the work of the United Nations, stressing its value to humanity.

The usual Christmas Gift Table and Sale took place on November 27th 1951.

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Dublin Lodges, Jan. 8th, 1952, Mrs. Evelyn O. Hornidge was elected as General Secretary for the year 1952-53, and Mr. Leslie Pielou as National Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Law being elected as the Dublin Lodges' Secretary.

The 'highlight' of the year has been the visit of Mr. N. Sri Ram, former Vice-President and international lecturer, who delivered a public lecture, entitled "The World at the Cross Roads" to an enthusiastic and sympathetic audience in Dublin. He also spoke to the members on the work of The Theosophical Society. His visit to Dublin was greatly appreciated. Mr. Sri Ram's stay in the Republic and Northern Ireland will, it is hoped, revive further interest and enthusiasm in the work of the Theosophical Lodges.

Members' study groups and classes have been well attended.

White Lotus Day was commemorated in the usual manner by readings and a brief survey of the work of the Founders.

The Library has been open two afternoons weekly, except in August and September. Numbers of books and magazines have been forwarded to the Bangor N. I. Lodge and to interested enquirers.

The Section magazine *Theosophy in Ireland* has a new format and many letters have been received from subscribers, expressing their generous appreciation of our magazine.

The total membership is now 41.

EVELYN O. HORNIDGE,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

The work in this Section is being carried on much in the same way as in the last two or three years, the general well-being and upward progress of the country facilitating the growth of our Theosophical activities. None of our Lodges was dissolved, though three are dormant; on the other side eight are extremely full of vitality, including the Youth Lodge in the City of Mexico.

This year's main achievement has been the foundation, by Prof. Aura L. Chagoya, of a primary school at our Theosophical 20 acres Colony "Adyar" 37 kilometers from this city, where she lives. Many poor village boys and girls freely receive instruction and equipment. Once every month, two of our local Lodges collect and send funds and utensils for the baby school.

Travellers.—The General Secretary visited during two weeks the three Lodges at Morelia, Mich. and Guadalajara, Jal. He founded a new Centre *Alborada* at a small city, Cotija, Mich., where Theosophy had never before been presented to the people.

Dr. Manuel Olmedo Serrano paid a short three days visit to our two Lodges at the seaport of Veracruz, delivering three lectures.

Bro. Ramira Gómez Camacho, of *Arjuna* Lodge, Chihuahua, visited and helped much the new-born Lodge *El Sendero*, at Ciudad Juarez, Chih. on the extreme North, bordering the U.S.A. This Lodge was founded early in February by Prof. Armando Chávez S., with twelve members to whom Theosophy was previously unknown.

Sta. Luz María Durand, a member of this Section, on her return from India travelled through many lands and has qualified herself as a prominent Theosophical lecturer and worker. From January to September she visited Cuba, Puerto Rico and Venezuela, lecturing almost daily at Lodges, universities,

art centres and public halls, adding dozens of new members to the rolls of the Sections. Occasionally for several days she had to lecture thrice in eleven hours, some of her lectures being broadcast. She founded three new Lodges in Cuba. The General Secretary of that Section writing about the last one said: "Theosophy arrived at Guayos, (Cuba) where a new Lodge was founded, the new members naming it *Luz Maria Durand*, as a demonstration of gratitude and love." On May 26th she arrived at San Juan (Puerto Rico) and was the guest of the General Secretary, Mrs. Esperanza C. Hopgood, who wrote: "Luz Maria's work here was beautiful and inspiring, leaving a wake of light and enthusiasm. Three new Lodges she founded and, besides twelve lectures at Headquarters, she addressed audiences in social and spiritistic public halls." On the 22nd of June she landed at Caracas, (Venezuela) where she is now lecturing and helping members to organize themselves in new Lodges aiming at the creation of a National Section.

Propaganda.—42,000 copies of the small Theosophical review *Dharma* were issued during the year, out of which 7,000 were freely mailed every other month to 7,000 permanent readers.

Bro. J. Francisco Alcaraz D. wrote a pamphlet *Ante la Muerte*. 1,000 copies of the pamphlet have been published and distributed among Lodges and non-members.

The two Guadalajara Lodges *Armonia* and *Blavatsky*, as well as *Alcione* Lodge at Veracruz, published their own Bulletin which was widely circulated among members and friends.

Mr. Juan Antonio Espinar, a distinguished Rosicrucian Fellow wrote and edited a fine 240 pages book entitled *Hacia la Luz*, on Theosophical ideas and ideals. He presented to our Section 250 copies for free distribution

among members and Latin American Lodges; the valuable gift has been much appreciated by all.

Bro. Abel Cárdenas Chavero, editor of Miss E. W. Preston's book *La Historia de la Creación*, mailed donations of the translated book as follows: 300 copies to the Cuban Section; 200 to the Central American Section and 100 to Venezuela, all for free distribution among F.T.S. and Libraries.

The General Secretary reprinted 2,000 copies of *La Derrota de la Muerte*, a book by Bishop I. S. Cooper most ably treating on Reincarnation and translated in Argentina; a cheap-priced edition to be easily sold to enquirers.

Prof. Pavri's *Theosophy for Youths* was translated into Spanish, each of its chapters appearing in successive numbers of our Section Bulletin; to be afterwards published as a cheap book.

Bro. Manuel López Andrés, of *Psiqué* Lodge at San Luis Potosí, translated the second part of *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, to be published as soon as possible.

Activities.—Our last Annual Convention was held in this City during the last days of December 1951; all delegates reported to the assembly the yearly activities of their respective Lodges. Public lectures were then delivered and an excursion to the

thermal city of Cuautla, Mor. ended the happy gathering.

The Mystic Star Ritual was performed at Headquarters every other Sunday. This ceremony having been started here by our President Mr. Jinarājādāsa 14 years ago, has since constantly been performed.

Our Lodge *Luz de Occidente* at Tijuana, Lower California, is reported to be very active under the able guidance and dedication of its President Mr. Ciro Ampudia who, on behalf of this Section, interviewed Srimati Rukmini Devi at Los Angeles. She is contemplating a future tour all along these Spanish-speaking countries, when two weeks will perhaps be accorded to Mexico.

The Young Theosophists' local group organized lectures by non-members on historic and social subjects, and exchanged books and letters with the T. S. Youth in other countries.

For the A. B. C. Fund, Mexico contributed this year Dls. 194.30.

Statistics.—At the close of the year (30th. Sep. 1952) we reckon 27 Lodges, 5 Centres and 478 active members.

May Light and Labour, with the Blessings of the Masters at the apex, be always the trimotor propeller of our beloved Society.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,
General Secretary.

CANADA

The general situation of the Society in Canada is satisfactory. I am glad to report an increase in membership, the total now is 381, ten up on last year's figures. We lost three by death, 3 by resignation and 31 are inactive, of which quite a number will most likely be reinstated.

Most of the Lodges, whilst not spectacular, are keen on Theosophical work, and classes and lectures are

carried on by devoted groups studying principally *The Secret Doctrine*, the *Gita* and Theosophy generally. They are not interested in the works of C. W. Leadbeater or psychism, but have a healthy regard for the teachings of Madame Blavatsky and the Masters.

We had a visit from the General Secretary of the American Section which was much appreciated; and of course the annual visits of a week's

duration of those popular lecturers, Prof. Ernest Wood and Dr. Alvin B. Kuhn. These meetings are always crowded and arouse much interest not only among the members but the general public as well.

Besides those mentioned we have had many lecturers of local esteem and quite a few of our own members, many of whom are most proficient in that kind of work.

Hamilton Lodge has been unusually active and has increased its membership by nearly fifty percent. Toronto as usual is very much alive, and its library attracts many outsiders who help to swell the lecture hall and attend the various activities that are

always in progress during the entire year. Its annual bazaar to help cover costs of the premises brought in \$1200 last year which testifies to the amount of energy and work put in by its members.

Montreal, the next largest Lodge, is also very active and has lecturers from outside who help to bring in the public and arouse interest locally.

The Presidential Election is arousing much interest throughout the Section and general approval is given to the nomination of Prof. E. Wood for the presidency and all are anxious to have the opportunity of voting for him.

E. L. THOMSON,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

Our Section continues to occupy the fourth place in the world as regards the number of Lodges and Centres. Last year we had 61 Lodges and 6 Centres. This year it was announced at the Congress held in Rio Cuarto in April that the number was now 63 Lodges and 7 Centres, not counting 4 in the course of formation. In addition three Lodges in Bolivia are attached to this Section.

Membership.—Last year we had 1189 members and this year closed in April with 1279.

During the last two years our Section has succeeded in realizing one of its dreams which had been cherished for a long time, the dream of having its own property for the General Secretary and Section Headquarters. This has become possible through the low price fixed by the owners Mr. and Mrs. Boris Fikh. The building is on an area of 900 sq. metres, and is worth much more.

We have also been able to buy a holiday camp for Theosophists and

their families in the province of Cordoba at the foot of beautiful hills.

In the seaside city of Mardel Plata we have also a property in which the Lodge Busqueda works and this year we have been able to buy, also at very little cost, two properties in San Fernando about an hour from this Capital. In one of these works Lodge Lumen de Lumine.

The ideal of the Argentine Section is to have buildings of its own wherever there is a Lodge, with a hall for meetings and lectures, since it is not always easy to obtain suitable places for the lecturers who visit the Lodges.

At the Headquarters of the Section we are holding each month artistic meetings which are very well attended by the members and the public. We present theatrical works and dramas with a Theosophical intent as a new medium of spreading the ideals and teachings of Theosophy. Through these artistic activities many young people are entering our Society.

Another means of propaganda adopted by the General Secretary is the

organization of Theosophical talks to interested groups in the houses of families who desire it. This work has also good results, since the majority of those who listen become interested

in Theosophical literature and sooner or later join our Society.

JOSÉ M. OLIVARES,
General Secretary.

CHILE

In Santiago the following Lodges are functioning: "Arundhati", "H.P.B.", "Maitreya", "Annie Besant" and "Ananda". The work of these Lodges has been irregular since we have been unable to obtain a hall in which to meet.

In Valparaiso the Lodges Lob-Nor, Fraternidad, Liberacion, Prometeo, Nir-

vana and Osiris have worked regularly, but with a diminution of members, due to the spiritual and economic crisis that has swept the country. There are 132 members in 10 Lodges.

TERESA DE RISSO,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

It is with great satisfaction that we report the foundation of Lodge Corações Unidos, meeting in a suburb of São Paulo. This Lodge has 99 members and we hope that they will become a useful channel for spiritual forces. We are also glad to report an increase in interest, dedication and regularity of the work in many Lodges of our Section.

What is also sufficiently encouraging is the increase in the membership of 81 members. We hope that these new companions will find in Theosophy the inspiration necessary to enable them to realize, by the shortest road, true spirituality.

National Convention.—The National Convention was held from 15th to 19th July in the city of Bello Horizonte. 68 members came to this Convention from other States, 48 by air. The meetings included administrative and business meetings, lectures, the formal opening and closing of the Convention and discussion on such subjects as "The Work of the Society in Brazil"

and "The Practical Application of the Power of Thought". Some of these meetings were held in the Lodge room of Lodge Bhagavad Gautama, some in the auditorium of the Institute of Education and some in the Conservatorium of Music. In all aspects this was the best Convention held in recent years.

Federation of Lodges and its Own Property. As foreshadowed in last year's report, the Federation of the Lodges formed in the State of São Paulo has acquired some land on which to erect its own building. This is a deep aspiration of all the members of our Section, which is beginning to take objective form. The work of Theosophy in our country has been much impeded for lack of its own Headquarters, but we have faith that during the next four years this lack will be overcome. The land which measures 15 metres frontage and 20 metres in depth, is located some 300 metres from the centre of the city of São Paulo. The cost is nearly half

paid, partly through donations and also from the sale of the plots of land in Jandira. Efforts must now be made to raise the money necessary to construct a building for the Headquarters on this site.

Work of Propaganda and Rules.—We have printed 30,000 pamphlets of 12 to 20 pages on subjects such as *What is Theosophy*, *Karma*, *Reincarnation* and *Life After Death*. Some thousands have been distributed free to Lodges to help their propaganda. These pamphlets have been a success and we hope to reprint them as soon as each edition is exhausted.

There was need to present to our members in general and to those in sympathy with the ideas of Theosophy a work that in a summarized form presented the fundamental principles of Theosophy, giving also important information on the Theosophical Society and its Founders and explaining the foundation and functions of Lodges. The objects were attained by the publication of the booklet of 72 pages *Manual of information for members of the Theosophical Society*.

Also the new Rules of the National Section were printed and have been sent to all Lodges. The Statutes,

which are in accord with present day conditions, should facilitate the administrative work of the Society.

The Lodges of this capital continue to arrange joint monthly meetings. This work which was organized to bring together the members of the various Lodges of the city and to serve as the best method of propaganda of Theosophical ideals, continues regularly and awakens great interest.

O Teosofista, our official organ, continues to carry out its purposes satisfactorily. These are to unite all distant members, bringing them the Theosophical message and to serve as an excellent channel of propaganda.

Propaganda Department.—This department has continued its activity. It continues to distribute free the books of Dr. Albert Lyra: *Elements of Theosophy* and *Anatomy of the Soul*. It also distributes leaflets and circulars, which awaken interest and have attracted 28 new members to the Society, thus proving the worth of this department.

The Membership on September 30, 1952, was 829, an increase of 81. There are 36 Lodges.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

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PORTUGAL

Looking at our Section, we can see that the Lodges are twelve, one more than last year. Some are strong, others weaker, but all do their best to go on with the work of the Section. The new Lodge S. Paulo is especially devoted to the teaching of Christianity and astrology.

The membership last year was 230. We have now 240, an increase of 10 members.

We celebrated with festivals the chief Theosophical anniversaries: Opening of the work, Foundation Day, Christmas Day, Adyar Day, our general ordinary Convention and White Lotus Day.

Some members gave very interesting and original lectures.

Looking from the financial point of view, we are very glad that our debt

on account of the painting of our premises is already entirely paid. We were able to do this on account of the generous gifts of numerous members. The general fund was closed with a small balance.

A Publications Fund was created with the aim of publishing Theosophical books in the Portuguese language.

We had great help in our work by the visit of Senorita Luz Maria Durand, a member of the Theosophical Society of Mexico, who had come from Adyar after having attended the School of Wisdom. She gave three lectures in our premises and visited some branches.

May the Masters bless our work and may we have better results next year.

JEANNE SYLVIE LEFÈVRE,
General Secretary.

WALES

Membership.—During this year 14 new members have been enrolled—4 transferred from other Sections, 3 transferred to other sections, 2 have resigned, 2 have died and 7 members have lapsed.

The present membership roll numbers 178 as compared with 174 on 30th September 1951—a gain of 4.

Lodges and Centres.—I am sorry that I cannot report the formation of new Lodges or Centres. My plans for reviving dormant Lodges were frustrated by illness in the early part of 1952, which incapacitated me for several months.

Cardiff, Colwyn Bay and Newport Lodges hold regular meetings for members and the public, and in other areas there are groups of members who keep in touch with Headquarters and still retain their charters.

The National Council met four times during the period. Under the amended rules the election of General Secretary and National Treasurer took place by postal ballot in March 1952. I was re-elected General Secretary for a period of 3 years and Mrs. Gladys Craven was re-elected Treasurer.

Our Annual Convention was held in May 1952 in Cardiff when we were fortunate to have Mr. N. Sri Ram as our Guest of Honour. This was his third visit to Wales. The keynote of our Convention was "Towards the Unity of Understanding".

The following lecturers have visited Wales during the year: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Groves, Mr. and Mrs. John Coats, Mr. E. Gall, Dr. Hugh Shearman, Miss Charlotte Woods and Miss I. Hoskins, as well as other lecturers from Bristol and the North Western

area of England. We are grateful to all our visitors for the inspiration and enthusiasm which they brought to our small Section.

United Nations.—The S. Wales Organizer of U.N.A. gives public lectures under the auspices of Cardiff Lodge. There is a branch of U.N.A. attached to this Lodge and members are also in close touch with the work of the British Council. It is interesting to note that Cardiff Lodge numbers amongst its members representatives of ten nationalities.

H. Q. Premises.—Much essential repair work and decoration of the building was carried out during the period.

Our National Library continues to do good work. A number of non-members make use of the Library.

Conclusion.—We all feel dissatisfied when we review our work. We have, judging from outward appearances, made little progress. Too many old members lose interest and become "lapsed", but always a few new members join and when outstanding lecturers visit us, we attract good audiences. The great need here, as elsewhere, is

for 2 or 3 good lecturers, who are free to devote some time in an area where there is a nucleus of F.T.S. An occasional lecture which cannot be followed up, seems to bear little fruit outwardly.

There is, however, much evidence in Wales of the growth of the Theosophical ideal of Universal Brotherhood, especially amongst the younger generation. The Welsh League of Youth is very active in organizing exchange of visits between Wales and the countries of Europe and the International Musical Eisteddfod now held annually (the first was held 6 years ago) at Llangollen, a small town in North Wales, is an outstanding success. The Message from the children of Wales to the children of the World, broadcast each year on May 18th has continued since 1922 when the first message was broadcast. It is interesting to note that it was in 1922 that a Charter was granted to the Theosophical Society in Wales and also in that same year the Welsh League of Youth was formed.

E. CLAUDIA OWEN,
General Secretary.

POLAND

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URUGUAY

In the first place, I am grateful to my brothers for the honour conferred on my person by giving me the office of General Secretary of the Section. But, at the same time, I feel that my work has not been so fruitful and efficient as I could have wished, for the message of Theosophy is something so extensive and so sublime that whatever work may be done, it has always a result, according to our under-

standing, that is small and slow to have effect.

However, taking into account that man's evolution has as its goal perfection, it is also something that goes on slowly, and we believe that, having used all our strength to accomplish the tasks that Karma has presented to us, we have discharged our duty.

During the past year the Lodges which at present constitute our Section

have worked regularly. There are six Lodges. The members of all of them have as usual studied the many and varied aspects of the Theosophical message, both those which are fundamental and others which lead to the elevation of man and thus also of humanity.

Our Society strongly advocates the establishment—each time more extensively—of Universal Brotherhood and has made this a special aim, to work for its recognition by a greater number of people.

Turning to the work of the Executive Council of our National Section; in the past year the General Secretary has made contact by correspondence with many Section brethren, replying to their various communications by reviews, letters and leaflets in different languages. Due to the crisis in the printing industry, our Section has remained without the publication of its official organ. Nevertheless, among a number of members of the Theosophical Society in Argentina and Uruguay there has arisen the initiative to issue a review with the title *Teosofia* the first number of which has already appeared.

At the same time the Executive Council has gone into the question of

the publication of a new organ of publicity, by means of which news of anything of a cultural character may be spread abroad. Its presentation will be modern, comprising in a synthetic form the greatest number of world events, both in connection with Theosophy and also with culture generally.

The Executive Committee has also concerned itself with the problem of the small number of textbooks of Theosophy and Oriental literature printed in Spanish.

The Membership is now 78 in six Lodges, an increase of 7 members. We have been able to meet, with some difficulty, the expenses necessary to maintain in an adequately dignified way the Headquarters, this being due to the efforts of some of our brethren on whom fell the task of maintaining the financial equilibrium of the Section.

To end this statement I must mention that during the current month there has been constituted a Study Group under the name *Peña Teosofica Juvenil*, the participants in which hope to pool their cultural efforts for the common work of the Theosophical Society in Uruguay.

ENRIQUE F. MOLINA,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

I am glad to report an increase of 9 in the membership this year. We now have 95 members in seven Lodges.

This is due to the splendid work that Dr. Luz M. Durand did during her stay in Puerto Rico. Also we have a Study Group which we hope will become a regular Lodge in the near future, promoted by her. She gave lectures three and four times a week in our building and in other institutions in the month she was here, besides radio talks in the afternoon. Dr. Durand is a fine lecturer and it

was a great privilege to have her with us. If we could have Spanish lecturers of her kind more often I am sure it would increase the enrolment of members in our countries.

Of course we too have to thank our international President and the staff of teachers that help in preparing students to go around the world spreading the knowledge they have acquired at the School of the Wisdom at Adyar, Madras, India.

Our former General Secretary Mr. A. J. Plard continued his course "The

Tenets of Theosophy" which has proved to be of great value for members who do not have time to study at home or who find the studies difficult.

The Herald.—This is still in mimeograph form but does its work travelling all through Spanish countries. As usual we translate some of the important articles of *The Theosophist*, *The American Theosophist* and other papers, so that it will benefit those who do not speak English.

The festivals of the Society were all celebrated. The Annual Convention was held on April 8th. Members from all the Lodges attended and we had the opportunity of working together trying

to solve important problems. At noon we served a lunch in our own place and it gave a touch of friendship and happiness to be able to spend a day in most delightful companionship.

Our Out Section though small in number is a very cordial one. Our members try to live in the most fraternal way making our meetings very successful.

I hope our work continues with the enthusiasm and steadiness that has so far been shown, so that we can have the assistance and blessings of the "Great Ones" to do still better.

ESPERANZA C. HOPGOOD,

General Secretary.

RUMANIA

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CEYLON

The Presidential Agency in Ceylon has only one Lodge functioning, namely Lanka Lodge. The Secretary of the Lanka Lodge, Mr. F. H. P. Joseph writes:

The year which ended last month has been a period of fruitful study and we are grateful to all who assisted by conducting study classes and giving talks and lectures on a wide variety of subjects.

The number of active members at the beginning of the year stood at 53, comprised of 27 regular and one life member among the men and 24 regular and one life member among the ladies. Two new members joined during the

year under review and one member passed on leaving the total at 54 at the end of the year. This figure does not include 5 ladies and 4 gentlemen who have joined the Lodge as new members for the year 1952-53.

I have to record with deep regret the death of our Hon. Secretary for many years, Madame P. Kemperling, who passed over in March this year.

While the year under review has been one of fruitful study, and intense activity on the part of some of our members, we look forward to a period of greater general activity among all the members of the Lodge which is essential if we are to make any

substantial progress towards the aims and objects of our Society. The fact that 9 new members have joined us very recently is an encouraging indication that the Lodge is attracting more and more individuals who are prepared to

devote some of their time and energy to the study and practice of Theosophy in their every-day lives.

N. K. CHOKSY,
Presidential Agent.

GREECE

This year has been a difficult one for our Section. Two of our Lodges in Athens have been dissolved. The President of one (Lodge Orpheus) has been obliged to leave for serious reasons of health. The President of the other (Lodge Light) decided to devote himself exclusively to the propagation of Mr. J. Krishnamurti's ideas. Many members of these two Lodges very personally attached to the teaching of their Presidents have resigned. So the number of members of our Section has decreased from 270 to 213. The conclusion of this little crisis for all of

us Theosophists here was that we must devote ourselves much more to the search of the Inner Higher Self and not depend in any way on external teaching even of outstanding merit.

The other 4 Lodges and one in Salonica pursued their activities with great zeal. The bulletin *Theosophicon Deltion* has been issued regularly during the year every three months. The circulation of Theosophical books of our library has been very active.

KIMON PRINARIS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

In general the Central American Lodges complain of lack of enthusiasm among their members, and in this respect I have written to all the Lodges pointing out the need to maintain live groups, so that when the next generation will begin to take their places in our ranks they will find the ground prepared. Two of the Lodges have been in difficulties and nearly had to be disbanded, but with a new impulse we have gone ahead. Lodge Teotl del Salvador has worked with true enthusiasm and with an energy worthy of commendation; it is erecting its own building which will soon be finished. The Nicaraguan and Costa Rican Lodges are preparing for the visit of Sister Luz Maria Durand, the Mexican

lecturer, who has been touring various American countries, giving lectures on most interesting Theosophical subjects.

Our Lodge of young people, Lodge Shakti, has increased its membership by 7 new members. This is a Lodge that Mr. Jinarājadāsa founded when he was here last time and was doing some work for the 7th sub-race, which was a matter of great encouragement to them and they worked with real enthusiasm. Our Lodge Virya at San José in Costa Rica is a true example of co-operation and fraternity in which the most splendid cordiality constantly reigns, among a very special group. Total membership is 148 in 9 Lodges.

AMALIA DE SOTELA,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

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The number of members in this Section stands at 101 with 6 Lodges.

PHILIPPINES

Number of Lodges.—We have an increase of one Lodge in the Section represented by the organization of the Waling-Waling Lodge. The statistics show that we have now 14 Lodges with 315 members in this Section.

Annual Convention.—As usual, our National Convention was held in December 1951 at the General Headquarters of the Society and was followed by the election of National Officers.

General Headquarters Activities.—The lectures on Theosophy which we have been giving in this Hall every Sunday continue to draw a good number of visitors.

Lodge Activities.—The Lodges hold their meetings every week at their respective individual places of business.

Provincial Activities.—The undersigned, in one of his speaking activities, accepted an invitation to the Southern Provinces and delivered there several lectures last year. A similar invitation was also extended to him last July to visit the Municipality of Tarlac, in the Province of Tarlac. Our Bro. Domingo C. Argente was similarly invited by a group of enthusiastic young men in one of the Eastern Provinces named Tayabas where he delivered lectures on different points of Theosophy.

Non-Governmental Organizations Conference.—Following the instructions from the International Headquarters, the undersigned represented

the Theosophical Society at the Regional Conference of the Non-Governmental Organization held under the auspices of the United Nations Association of the Philippines. The Conference was attended by delegates of the different countries in the East and by representatives of many organizations (both public and private) of different types. During the Conference matters connected with human rights, liberties, world peace and order were discussed very thoroughly from the view-point of universal unity.

In submitting this report, please permit me to say that in my opinion, the Non-Governmental Organization of the United Nations is a veritable force for the propagation of the Philosophy of Universal Brotherhood of Humanity. In the Non-Governmental Organization I can see a wide field of service for the Theosophical Society.

International Visitors.—On the invitation of the undersigned Prof. José B. Acuña of Costa Rica called at Manila on his way back to South America from Adyar. During his stay in Manila he gave several lectures on Theosophy not only at the General Headquarters of the Society but in practically all the Lodges in Manila as well. He did the greatest amount of good here and we can never forget him.

Philippine Theosophist.—The publication of this organ has been withheld

for sometime due to lack of the necessary funds. The Section is now working hard for the putting back, so to speak, into the hands of its readers this very important magazine just as soon as the Society's finances permit.

Our Prospects.—For the ensuing fiscal year, we expect but little hope for the increase of membership in the Section. However, we are determined to work for the re-location of all members who became inactive during the last 10 years. Originally we had be-

tween 550 and 600 members in the Philippines, the majority of whom were thrown into confusion by the last world war and find themselves located in different parts of the Archipelago. The Section has already started contacting some of these members for the purpose of arranging for their restoration to full membership. This is one of the phases of work that concerns us most today.

OLIMPIO A. CABELLON,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

During the year only nine Lodges have carried on their activities with a total membership of 107. One new Lodge was formed, *Lodge Liberacion* in the city of Barranquilla with a mem-

bership of ten. Four Lodges had to be dissolved for political reasons.

RAMÓN MARTÍNEZ R,
General Secretary.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

The East African Section consists of 4 territories which cover a very large area, so there is transport and communication difficulty. However, the members of the Executive Committee do their best to maintain a lively spirit by personal contacts and correspondence with the members of the Lodges.

During the year Nairobi, Zanzibar, Mombasa and Daressalaam have had the pleasure of occasional visits from overseas members when talks and

lectures were arranged and the public invited.

The Section Rules have not yet been finalized. It is hoped to submit the Rules for approval during the next Convention to be held in Easter 1953.

During the year a new Lodge called Ramakrishna Lodge was formed in Mombasa. There are at present 9 Lodges. The membership in this Section stands at 229, an increase of 15 members.

DWARKADAS MORARJI SHAH,
General Secretary.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF PAKISTAN

The Theosophical Society in Pakistan has suffered a severe blow this year in the passing away of its Presidential Agent—our much loved Brother Jamshed Nusserwanjee—on 1st August, 1952. The deep love, personal regard and gratitude which he inspired from innumerable people were evidenced from the messages of sympathy and high tributes which were received from all over the world on his death. The funeral was attended by thousands of people of all communities and classes. The Governor-General of Pakistan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, and the Governor of Sind sent their representatives, and many members of the Diplomatic Corps attended. No less noteworthy were the poor and crippled who, in spite of their handicaps, walked the whole distance to the Tower of Silence to pay their last homage to one who had made their problems his own, and whose foremost thought was for the suffering and the handicapped.

In Life and Death Bro. Jamshed has proved that service and sacrifice, inspired by love for Humanity, were forces of abiding value and great transforming ability. Innumerable people have changed their lives for the better from his example and inspiration, and his memory will continue to do the same for many years to come. In Karachi and especially in the Theosophical work he will be greatly missed, but so deeply is he loved by those who remain that they will find his guidance

and presence in their efforts. We give him our loving and grateful homage.

Apart from this loss the work of the six Lodges and one Centre in Pakistan has continued normally. The Karachi Lodge continues to be the most active. Its activities of study classes, members' meetings, and public lectures attract the members and the general public to its hall. Many of its members are engaged in social service among the poor, the refugees and with the Remand Home and the School for the Blind. The Lodge is also trying to help in the work of the Pakistan United Nations Association.

Other Lodges still continue with smaller memberships.

The Lodge and Centre in East Pakistan are not yet able to function normally due to the unsettled state of affairs in that part of the country. The need for Lodge organizers and lecturers to visit the area is keenly felt, but so far due to lack of workers and funds it has not been possible to do anything in this direction.

Visitors and lecturers are also needed for other Lodges in West Pakistan, who have reported that their work suffers due to the same reason. Efforts will be made to fulfil this need in the coming year.

The President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, has appointed Mrs. G. K. Minwalla to succeed Brother Jamshed as the Presidential Agent in Pakistan.

The total membership is 307.

G. K. MINWALLA,

Presidential Agent.

MALAYA AND SINGAPORE

During the year Mr. V. Raja Gopal succeeded Mrs. Hilda Moorhead, as Presidential Agent.

In spite of the difficult conditions now obtaining in this country, Theosophical work has continued to make slow but steady progress. From a summary of activities of the four Lodges, it is shown that all have been holding regular members' meetings, public lectures and study classes. The total membership of the four Lodges including three unattached members, now stands at 107, which is an increase of 2 over last year.

The visit of the International Treasurer, Mr. C. D. T. Shores, was the outstanding event of the year and created much interest and enthusiasm. He lectured to large and appreciative audiences at Singapore, Penang, Kuala Lumpur and Seremban. Such visits of members from Adyar act as an inspiration and make stronger links with the International Headquarters.

The news-sheet *Theosophical News in Malaya and Singapore* has continued to be a valuable link between members and sympathisers. The scope of work for the Theosophical Society is very great in this country and this news-sheet at present is the only means of propaganda. The cost of publication is borne by voluntary donations from members of the four Lodges.

A sum of approximately Rs. 1,019 was collected during the year and sent to Headquarters towards the A. B. C. Fund.

Commander H. B. F. Moorhead and Mr. S. Panadam represented Malaya and Singapore at the Annual Convention of the Society at Banaras. It is regretted that it has not yet been possible to send a member to the School of the Wisdom.

New plans for the coming year include a tour of the Lodges by the Presidential Agent and an annual conference of members during Easter. Attempts are also being made to establish centres at Alor Star and Ipoh.

Plans for dissemination of Theosophy and establishment of Lodges are seriously hampered by our financial resources and lack of suitable workers. There are several places in Malaya that have not heard of the Ancient Wisdom. If only each member and each Lodge could be awakened to the vast possibilities in this country, then it should be possible within a few years to make Theosophy widely known. Disruptive forces here, as elsewhere in the world, are at work. To meet this challenge it becomes imperative to spread more widely the truths of Theosophy.

V. RAJA GOPAL,
Presidential Agent.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland has had a quiet year. The intake of new members was low and did not quite keep pace with a normal wastage, total membership thus falling from 77 to 75. In January, 1952, however, a new Centre was formed at Whitehouse at the home of Miss Chase, and helpful and pleasant meetings

have been held there regularly twice a month. New contacts were also made in other quarters from the spring onwards. Work was strengthened and stimulated by a visit from Mr. N. Sri Ram, who was the guest of honour at the Society's Annual Convention in June. The Society is deeply indebted to those members who have allowed meetings

to be held in their houses. In Bangor, Coleraine and Whitehouse the work of the Society would have been impossible without this. Several members of the Society took advantage of the fore-gathering of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in

Belfast in September to attend some of its meetings. In August the Society lost an old and valued member by the death of Mr. John N. Shearman.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Presidential Agent.

VIET-NAM

The year 1951-52 has brought many changes in our Theosophical Society: changes that were material, moral, intellectual and spiritual.

I. Material.—

(a) Last year there were 135 members, and now there are 198. Therefore there is an increase of 63 members.

(b) A Theosophical Headquarters has been built, and its inauguration was carried out with due ceremony.

(c) Some Theosophical books have been published:

- (1) a special booklet for the inauguration of Headquarters, written by Mme. Nguyen thi Hai.
- (2) some passages from the book *The Masters and the Path* have been translated into Vietnamese and published by Bro. Nguyen Van Luong.
- (3) a Theosophical study course written by Mr. Luong Van Boi.

(d) A Theosophical Library costing about 20.000\$00 or Rs. 4,444 has been established at the Theosophical Headquarters at Saigon, thanks to the money obtained from two theatrical performances organized by Mme. and Mr. Nguyen Vanhuan on 6th and 7th April, 1952.

(e) We have been able to buy a microphone costing 11.000\$00 thanks to various gifts.

(f) We await the approval of our rules in order to have the right to publish our Theosophical review, which is already ready in all respects.

II. Moral.—There was disagreement among the pioneers before and after the inauguration—for certain leaders wished to give an official name to the Headquarters. Hence the discussion.

Result: People have been given liberty to call the Headquarters by whatever name they please, to smooth out the discord. So peace has finally come to the Theosophical circle.

III. Intellectual.—Each week a group of apprentice-lecturers endeavour to speak on subjects of their choice before the microphone. Each month there is a public lecture.

IV. Spiritual.—Some members dedicate themselves to the work with enthusiasm. At present the mother Lodge in Saigon is the only one which is actively working. As to the other Lodges in the interior, they await the approval of our rules before they can work legally.

The Theosophical Society of Viet-Nam has the honour to dedicate its work for the year 1951-52 to our dear President Mr. Jinarājadāsa.

PHAM NGOC DA,
Presidential Agent.

STATE OF ISRAEL

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JAPAN

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CANADIAN FEDERATION

The Canadian Federation is glad to report an increase of 15 in its membership during the past year, although it is with deep regret that we also have to report the passing on of three of our old, stalwart workers. Total membership is 199. While the increase is not as large as might be wished, there would appear to have been a renewed activity in all Lodges which should soon bear fruit, and it is particularly gratifying to note that some of the smaller Lodges seem to have taken on a new lease of life. Besant Lodge in Victoria has continued its steady growth which it has maintained since its inception. Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, also has made steady progress and reports that plans are being made to burn the mortgage on their Lodge premises at their Annual Dinner on November 15th. This has been accomplished through the efforts of all the Lodge members both those now active and some who have passed on, and they are to be congratulated on their effort when it is realized they had no money in the bank at the time of purchase of the building four and a half years ago.

The fifteen-minute radio broadcasts under the auspices of the North West Federation of U.S.A. have continued to interest a large Canadian audience, and a small financial contribution towards this work was made by the Canadian Federation. It is

hoped that in the not too far distant future it may be possible to have radio broadcasts so that the cities on the other side of the Rocky Mountains may be able to hear them.

Through the co-operation of the Theosophical Society in America the Lodges in the Canadian Federation had the privilege of a visit from Miss Ann Kerr. This necessitated a very heavy programme for her in the time allotted and meant her having to fly to Calgary and Edmonton from Vancouver and return. She had enthusiastic members' meetings and good audiences at the public meetings who very much appreciated her message. In August of this year we had the privilege of a visit from Srimati Rukmini Devi who visited both Vancouver and Victoria. In both places the public meetings were attended by a large number of people who filled the halls engaged to overflowing. Her message to both the members and at the public meetings was well received and appreciated by all. In addition in June the Lodges in Vancouver and Victoria had the benefit of a visit from Mr. Fritz Kunz, who is an old friend of many of the members of these Lodges. He always gives an inspiring message and spoke to capacity audiences in both places. It is regrettable that it has not been possible to arrange for more visiting lecturers for the Lodges on the other side of the Rocky

Mountains but the distance involved in travelling and the short time at the disposal of the visiting lecturers makes this hard to arrange.

We have also to report with deep regret that in September our efficient and well liked Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. G. Bremner, left with his wife and son to take up permanent residence in California. They will be greatly missed but the good wishes of all go

with them. Miss Joan S. Morris has now taken over the Secretaryship, and Mrs. Elsie Griffiths the Treasurership of the Canadian Federation, and it is hoped that there will be a continued steady expansion of the work in co-operation with all who are working for the spread of Theosophy and the realization of the Brotherhood of Man.

JOAN S. MORRIS,
Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

Looking back over last year's Theosophical activities in Europe, one may say that on the whole 1951-1952 has been a very fruitful year. In the first place must be mentioned the European Council Meeting held at Camberley in England, at the Tekels Park Estate. In these beautiful surroundings, beside members of the Executive Committee, 13 General Secretaries and official delegates were present and 40 invited guests, mostly from abroad. The latter included Srimati Rukmini Devi, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson from the United States, Mr. E. L. Gardner and General Tokarzewski, a former leader of Theosophical work in Poland.

The English Section had helped to build some permanent buildings for a camp site on the Estate, to enable young people to use the camp conveniently as well as cheaply, and it is hoped that Camberley will become a regular meeting place for Young Theosophists and the Order of the Round Table, both national and international, as it is already for many other Theosophical activities.

Because of the European Congress in Italy no regional summer schools were organized this year.

Sectional summer schools were held in Sweden, Finland, Germany and at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark. The latter was held under the auspices

of the Danish Section and presided over by its General Secretary, Herr Möller.

This excellent habit of organizing summer schools, becomes more and more popular and offers a valuable contribution to our Theosophical work.

Regional meetings of the General Secretaries of the German and French speaking Sections, together with the European General Secretary and members of the Executive Committee were held respectively in Basel and in Paris, the latter during the French Convention.

Meetings of this kind also offer an excellent opportunity for discussing all common problems together and for co-ordinating useful joint activities. Especially in the case of smaller Sections, where the means are limited, certain activities can better be done regionally than by one Section alone.

An example of efficient co-operation is the Regional Publishing House, which now deals with all publications in the German language.

The Theosophical Society in Europe suffered a great loss in the passing to greater Light of its Treasurer, Mr. D. J. van Hinloopen Labberton, who for many years under difficult circumstances has been responsible for its finances. He has done excellent work and will be greatly missed.

With the approval of the Executive Committee, I have asked Mr. Raven to act as Treasurer, until a new Treasurer has been elected.

Also the passing over of Dr. Anna Kamensky, former General Secretary of the Russian Section and a well known Theosophist, must be remembered.

As new General Secretaries we may welcome Mrs. Evelyn Hornidge (Ireland), Madame Rachel Tripet (Switzerland) and Monsieur Francis Brunel (France).

The German and Italian Sections both celebrated in 1952 their Golden Jubilee.

This year Europe has been privileged by the visit of the President, who will preside over our Congress and visit also some Lodges in Italy and Southern France.

Other important visitors have been Srimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. N. Sri Ram. Srimati Rukmini Devi visited the Swiss, French, Netherlands and English Sections and stayed for some time at the Huizen Centre, of which she is the Head, before going on an extensive lecture-tour in the United States of America and attending the summer-gatherings at the American Headquarters. She visited also Spain, where she contacted many friends. After attending the English Convention, Mr. N. Sri Ram lectured in most of the European Sections and attended as guest of honour their summer schools. He will also be present at the European Congress in Italy. We are greatly indebted to both for all the support given to our work.

Much to our regret there is still little contact with the countries behind the iron curtain.

A happy and close co-operation exists with the Young Theosophists in Europe, who—besides having their own organization—are taking an active part in our activities. We are glad to have their General Secretary, Mr. Raven, as our acting Treasurer,

while as their Patron I am in close contact with their work.

The Centre at Huizen attracts an ever-increasing number of Theosophical workers from all over Europe and outside. Besides being a regular meeting place with camping facilities for large numbers of Young Theosophists and members of the Round Table, our European Library has found a place there, and is now under the care of the Dutch General Secretary, Prof. van der Ley.

Looking back to a fruitful year, we should not close our eyes to all that remains to be done. There is still a need for renewal of life in many of the Lodges and Sections, and for a better adaptation to fast changing world conditions. To be satisfied with the Society as it is at present, when our humanity is passing through a critical period in its history, would be a serious mistake on our part. Above all we need in our ranks those members who can bring inspiration, and who have a real understanding of the needs of the present world, as felt by the world itself.

Today Europe itself, divided and unhappy as it is and with a constant threat of war, is struggling towards unity. It is clear that we cannot have the United States of Europe at once, but it will surely arise sooner or later out of the present melting pot. Thinking over all this, it becomes more and more clear how well the Theosophical Society in Europe, in itself a Unit in which all the autonomous Societies are federated on a voluntary basis, is equipped to be a great force towards this end. Already a proto-type, we may well ask ourselves, whether it is not even destined to be the spiritual nucleus of the future United States of Europe.

It is certainly worth while, it seems to me, to take this idea as a guidance in our work in the immediate future.

J. E. VAN DISSEL,
General Secretary.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The last Annual Business meeting was held at the 76th International Convention of the Theosophical Society in Banaras, December 29, 1951. Sri-mati Rukmini Devi presided over the meeting attended by about 30 Young Theosophists. After greetings were received from various countries, the following people were elected as officers for the coming year 1952 :

General Secretary :

Nancy Froemming

*Treasurer : S. V. Raman**Executive Committee :*

Peter Hoffman

Seetha Neelakantan

N. Janakiraman

G. S. Meenakshi.

At the beginning of the year the Executive Committee met to view the business for the year and plan how to bring the members of the World Federation into closer contact with each other and the Headquarters. Regarding the latter, it was decided that the General Secretary should prepare a Newsletter to be distributed every three months and invite group secretaries to contribute news for circulation through the Newsletter. The result has been satisfactory, for although a number of groups have not answered, many have come in with both news and appreciation for the circular.

The most important business conducted during the year consisted of the circulation of two amendments to the World Federation Constitution and voting for the next President of our Federation.

On February 29th Rukmini Devi's birthday was celebrated and during the functions arranged by friends, workers and students, she was garlanded on behalf of the members of the Federation. In May she left for Europe and America where she was able to contact

many young people during her 6 months visit, especially in the United States.

To sum up the activities during the year I am impressed with the fact that the World Federation can do so much more. I have received letters from some groups saying that the World Federation seems so remote to them, and they feel so little a part of it that most members take little or no interest in the workings and development of the Federation. If this is so, then it is time the work of the organization is infused with a renewed spirit that brings its usefulness to every member of every Young Theosophist group. If there are some who are feeling rather indifferent it is a sign of our lack of vigilance and contact, and that gap must be filled with the help and inspiration that is needed.

Reports of activities of Young Theosophists in Indonesia, Australia, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway and Austria have been received. There are also contacts with a number of other countries.

The work in Europe shows the result of the interest and enthusiasm of Mr. J. E. van Dissel and others who have toured and visited Lodges, camps and youth meetings. In Indonesia the work is very earnest and sincere. In some parts the work is "going on", but nevertheless it is there. I hope that by and by there will grow between the Headquarters of the Federation and the groups a more "family feeling" and that slowly we will begin to work out ideas—practical ideas—that will grow into some useful and worthwhile activities for the Youth Movement.

I wish to convey my thanks to all those Youth Secretaries who have written to me during the year sending suggestions and comments, and who have co-operated in sending news for

the News-letter. I also wish to convey my grateful thanks to our President, Srimati Rukmini Devi, for her guidance, and to the members of the

Executive Committee for their co-operation.

NANCY FROEMMING,
General Secretary.

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- (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. SIDNEY A. COOK
- (3) THE TREASURER, MR. C. D. T. SHORES
- (4) THE RECORDING SECRETARY, MISS HELEN ZAHARA
- (5) SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI
- (6) MR. N. SRI RAM
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- (8) MR. M. SUBRAMANIAM
- (9) DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1951-1952

Staff.—I have continued as Honorary Director and Professor C. Kunhan Raja as Curator. Kumari A. Sītā Devī and Kumari E. Vani Rao have continued as Librarian and Assistant Librarian respectively. Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, Lecturer in Samskrit, University of Madras, and an Honorary member of our staff was awarded a scholarship for two years by the British Council for research work at the School of Oriental and African Studies and left for London in September 1952. Pandit N. Ramachandra Bhat is attending to his work as Joint Editor of the Adyar Library Bulletin in addition to his own work with office correspondence where he is assisted by Clerk-typist Sri S. Easwara Sarma.

Pandit V. Krishnamacharya completed the Descriptive Catalogue of Samskrit Manuscripts for Mīmāṃsā and Advaita Vedāntasāstras begun a year ago. This was released as No. 82 of Adyar Library Series. He is now engaged in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of Samskrit MSS. for Viśiṣṭādvaita and other Vedānta Sections and in editing Vedāntasāra of Rāmānuja with an English Translation by M. B. Narasimha Aiyangar, the printing of which is nearing completion. He is also editing with an English Translation, Puruṣasūkta Bhāṣya by Sri Raṅganātha Yati.

Sri H. G. Narahari completed the Descriptive Catalogue of Samskrit Manuscripts for Kāvya, Nāṭaka and Alankāra Sections begun over eight years ago. This was published as No. 80 of

the Adyar Library Series. He also edited and completed with an English Translation, Vṛttaratnāvali of Venkatesa, an old treatise on Metrics due to be released soon as No. 27 of Adyar Library Pamphlet Series.

Kumari A. Sītā Devī, the Librarian has completed an original work "Language-Barrier or Bridge". This is an attempt to codify grammatical forms and transliterate all linguistic sounds. She has also published two supplements to this pamphlet giving transliteration without diacritical marks.

Sri Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma, besides assisting Pandit V. Krishnamacharya, is engaged in completing the printing of Saṃgītaratnākara, Vol. IV, chapter 7, a work already prepared in manuscript by the late Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri; the completion of this work is eagerly awaited by scholars in Music.

Sri Pandit V. Narayanasvami Sastri continues to be in charge of transcription, comparing, and restoration of manuscripts. An expert in many scripts he is engaged in preparing copies for the Library of manuscripts, the originals of which become too fragile for safe handling.

Sri K. T. Venkatarama Sarma, Junior Pandit, is engaged in assisting the Librarian in classification and registration of Samskrit, Tamil and Malayalam books and Manuscripts, and in restoring manuscripts.

The Library Staff have been engaged in supplying information to Research Scholars and other Correspondents and

also in assisting the many visitors who come to the Library for consultation and study. During 1951-52, 9945 books and 1732 MSS. were consulted, and 3203 books and 13 MSS. were borrowed. Accessions to the Library during the year number 690 made of 497 books, 123 pamphlets, 51 manuscripts and 19 Transcripts of which 211 were received for review and exchange and 42 were acquired by purchase and 409 by donation. 660 duplicate books and pamphlets have been given to Theosophical Society Departments and Lodges.

Our very fine Library of Comparative Religion has been very carefully cross-indexed for every religion covered therein. This was found necessary during the preparation of the Title File, long needed in the Library. Though the work has been slow, covering a number of years, since cross-indexing of all subjects has been done, the file is almost completed, thus enabling all our books to be more available to the readers than ever before. Further progress is being made in the library-reclassification adumbrated in 1946, each step of which brings all our Theosophical and other books together and reduces the time needed to find the books. Had it not been for such savings of labour, the Library would not have been able with its very small Attendant-Staff to have met the needs of the ever-increasing number of visitors. Only a few years ago 12 or 13 thousand was our annual peak. Now we received in the last year close to twenty thousand, (19,859) about three thousand in a single month.

A. PUBLICATIONS DURING THE YEAR

1. *Where Theosophy and Science Meet*—Vol II—Second Edition of First Edition of Publication No. 21, Adyar Library Series edited by Prof. D. D. Kanga. This monumental work of

610 pages containing articles from various eminent authors specialised in their field, has won the admiration of scholars all over the world.

2. *Edicts of Asoka* with English Translation by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti and Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar,—Second Edition of First Edition of Publication No. 72, Adyar Library Series. The first edition was exhausted within a year of its publication.

3. *Varāhamihira-Horāśāstram*, Vol. I (Adhpayas 1 to 10) with an excellent Sanskrit Commentary "Apūrvārthapradarsikā", Adyar Library Series Publication No. 79 by Sri A. N. Srinivasa Raghava Aiyangar.

4. *The Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts* in the Adyar Library, Vol. V—Kāvya, Nāṭaka and Alamkāra by Sri H. G. Narahari, Adyar Library Series publication No. 80.

5. *The Synthetic View of Vedānta* by Prof. P. N. Srinivasachari—Adyar Library Series Publication No. 81. Much appreciated like all other works written by the learned Professor for the Adyar Library Series.

6. *The Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts* in the Adyar Library, Vol. IX—Mīmāṃsā and Advaita Vedānta, by Pandit V. Krishnama-charya, Adyar Library Series Publication No. 82.

B. *Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol. XV, Part 4 and Vol. XVI, Parts 1, 2 and 3.

C. WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED FROM 1-10-52 TO THE DATE OF THIS REPORT

Yoga Upaniṣads—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and Edited by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti.—Second Edition of Publication No. 20 (First Edition), Adyar Library Series.

Vṛttaratnāvali of Venkatesa—with his own commentary—Edited and Translated into English by Sri H. G. Narahari. Adyar Library Pamphlet Series No. 27.

In Defence of Mīmāṃsā by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja—Adyar Library Pamphlet Series No. 28.

D. WORKS IN PROGRESS THROUGH THE BULLETIN AND INDEPENDENTLY

Saiva and Śākta Upaniṣads—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar—Edited by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti.

1. *Vedāntasāra of Sri Rāmānuja* with English Translation by M. B. Narasimha Aiyangar—Edited by Pandit Sri V. Krishnamacharya.

Āpastambasmṛti—Edited by Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

Samgītaratnākara—With the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Simhabhūpāla. Edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, Vol IV.

Samgītaratnākara, English Translation—Vol. II, by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Aristotle's Katharsis and Bharata's Sthāyibhāvas—by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Ṛgvedabhāṣya of Skandasvāmin—Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Āṅgīrasasmṛti—Edited by Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

E. WORKS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME

Viṣṇusmṛtivyūrti-Kesavavaijayanti of Nanda Paṇḍita—Edited by Prof. K. V. Rangasvami Aiyangar.

Horāsāstram—with the commentary Apūrvārthapradarsikā by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar, Vol. II.

Puruṣasūktabhāṣya of Sri Raṅga-nātha Yati Alias Naniyar—with English

Translation by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.

Allied Vedāntas and Western Thought, by Prof. P. N. Srinivasachari.

F. WORKS READY FOR THE PRESS

Āśvalāyanagṛhyasūtra with the Commentaries of Devasvāmin and Nārāyaṇa, Vol. II. Edited by Svami Ravi Tirtha.

Nyāyakusumāñjali of Udayana with the Commentary of Varadarāja. Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library, by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya, Vol. X—Viśiṣṭādvaita and other Vedāntas.

Pakṣatā, Siddhāntalakṣaṇam, Avayava, Sāmānyanirukti, Vyutpattivāda, Caturdaśalakṣaṇi, Vol. II—All of Gadādhara—with commentaries—Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Gītā—with word by word Roman Transliteration and English Translation by A. Sītā Devī.

OUR NEEDS

We thank most gratefully those donors who have donated valuable books to maintain the standard of our books. As our funds available for purchase of books are limited, we are greatly indebted to our donors. As explained in our report for the last year (1950-1951), we greatly need fine modern dictionaries, grammars, and reference books and we would be grateful to all those who could supply such books.

Most of all we need money for our Publication Work.—This has now come almost to a standstill for lack of funds. Except for the generous donation of Rs. 2,000/- from the President, our constant benefactor, and another donation of Rs. 15,000/- to our Publication Fund from a generous donor, we could

not have been able to meet the deficit in our budget incurred in printing the two volumes of Descriptive Catalogues and other scholarly publications. We have been able so far to publish four volumes of Descriptive Catalogues. Research scholars have been making use of the four volumes already published and are awaiting the early completion of the remaining volumes. One more volume is ready for the press, and one more is under preparation; but, the publication had to be suspended due to lack of funds. Our normal income is not sufficient to meet the cost of barest minimum staff even though we exercise the most rigid economy, two of our workers being in an entirely honorary capacity and two working on honorariums, while we are helped in our editorial work by distinguished Honorary Editors without whose aid many of our notable works could not have been published. We appeal and pray for generous donations to our funds—especially to the Publication Fund. In his Presidential Address of December 1952, the President, Sri C. Jinarājādāsa appealed for money in the following terms: "Steadily the Library . . . is publishing work after work, the latest being No. 83 in the series. . . . The works must be published to add to the volume of Knowledge. The waiting list of works to be published is increasing. But where is the money? It is for that I appeal to the sympathy of members. The Library is terribly crowded, and needs a new building

of its own. That is a dream of the future, and I present the idea to those who would care to leave something in their wills for the Library. I am very keen on the Library's work, as I too am something of a scholar and took an honours degree in Sanskrit fifty-two years ago."

It is now my pleasant duty to record my most grateful thanks to Sri C. Jinarājādāsa, the President of the Theosophical Society, whose scholarly interest and warm-hearted sympathy have been our constant inspiration; to Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, the Curator and Editor, Adyar Library Bulletin; to the Honorary Editors, Prof. K. V. Rangasvami Aiyangar, Prof. D. D. Kanga, Pandit N. Aiyasvami Sastri, Sri A. N. Srinivasa Raghava Aiyangar and Pandit M. Duraisami Aiyangar; to Kumari A. Sītā Devī, the Librarian, to Sri H. G. Narahari, Research Assistant; to Sri V. Krishnamacharya our Senior Pandit, Sri V. Narayanasvami Sastri, Sri K. Ramachandra Sarma and Sri N. R. Bhat, our other Pandits and all other members of the staff; to the Vasanta Press and The Theosophical Publishing House for the valuable services they continue to render to the Library. I also tender my grateful thanks to the institutions and Governments, Indian and overseas, which continue to send their publications to the Library.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hon. Director.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT ON THE SCHOOL YEAR 1951-52

The Principal, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, appointed the following officers :

Principal : Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa

Vice-Principal : Mr. Sidney A. Cook

Rector : Mr. N. Sri Ram

Leader of Discussion : Mrs. Jocelyn Cook

Director of Studies : Mr. José B. Acuña

The Principal opened the regular courses of the School in the main hall of the Theosophical Headquarters on Monday the 1st October, 1951. Mr. Jinarājādāsa delivered an Opening Address which was published in *The Theosophist* in which he explained the objectives and purposes of the School. During the six-monthly period, the Principal has spoken 11 times to the students, once every Friday, on spiritual matters of great import. He also closed the sessions on Friday, 28th March, 1952 and distributed the Certificates of Attendance.

The Vice-Principal has been in close contact with everyone; he has addressed the alumni on three occasions; he conducted a discussion group on World Problems; he entertained us at his home several times, and he has taken an active part in all the events and vicissitudes of the School.

The Rector visited the class-room twice a week, and took part in the discussions with very fine contributions. This was during the first three months. During the second three-months, he delivered six talks on The Path.

The Leader of Discussion was appointed to that office on the second

three-months during which she came nearly every day; she also contributed three papers on different subjects.

The Director of Studies attended the School every day and took part in the discussions.

The Alumni.—Altogether there were 17 registered students and 3 observers. Not all the students came in at the same time; not all of them remained till the closing. During the entire period of six months, Miss Florence Pulsford acted as the Secretary for the School and Mrs. Pearson as the Librarian.

The Class-room Work.—The following subjects were studied : Theosophy, History of Civilization, Philosophy, Science, Education and Psychology. Each one had a special syllabus worked out in full detail, so that each point in it corresponded to each session.

At the beginning, the time-table covered the mornings and afternoons of the usual six working days of the week; in the mornings there were two sessions and one directed study hour; in the afternoon there were one session and one directed study. This arrangement was soon abandoned because it did not provide sufficient time for discussions. Then we had the 3 sessions in the morning, and the afternoon was left free for the students to consult the Library. During the second half-term of three months, a new time-table was introduced with two sessions in the mornings and the afternoons free.

The work for each session was started by one student who spoke directly or

read a paper on the point selected for study in accordance with the syllabus and the time-table. After this introduction, the other students participated in the discussion of the points presented by the speaker. Sometimes the work was preceded by a short meditation and followed at the end by another short meditation. There was always a recess of several minutes (from 5 to 15 minutes) between the sessions.

Reports.—A system of weekly reports on the work done was introduced with the idea of helping the students to gather up all the material used during the week. It did not prove very successful and it was dropped in the second half-term.

Extra-Curricular Activities.—During the whole term the students visited the various departments on the estate. They also paid a visit to the Besant Theosophical School and Kalakshetra, and to the Baby Welcome Centre. Also Heads of the Departments came to the School and gave reports about their work.

Afternoon Lectures.—During the first half-term Dr. K. P. Mukerji gave lectures open for visitors in the downstairs hall of the School under the titles *Hegelian Political Philosophy*, *Communism as a Political Philosophy*, *Democracy* and *A Synthetic Approach to Political Philosophy*. Prof. J. E. Marcault delivered one lecture on *Our Contribution to the Present Stage of Evolution*.

During the second half-term, the following lectures were delivered in the same hall: *The Six Systems of Philosophy* by Mr. Gopala Krishna Rao; *The Hindu Epics* in 3 lectures dealing with *The Ramayana*, *The Mahabharata* and *The Bagavatham* by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti; *To Conform or to Live* by Mr. T. Lilliefelt; a lecture without title by Srimathi Rukmini Devi; *Ancient Wisdom in English Poetry* and *Ancient Wisdom*

in Keltic Philosophy by Dr. J. H. Cousins; *Relationship of Mind and Body* by Prof. José B. Acuña; *Chemistry—Orthodox and Occult* in two lectures by Miss E. W. Preston; *Self and Not-Self in Hindu Thought* by K. Sankara Menon; *Problems in Education in India* by Mrs. E. M. Lavender; *Progressive Trend in the Evolution of the Brain* by Dr. A. Ananthanarayanan; *Theosophical Influence in Irish Literary Revival* by Dr. J. H. Cousins; *Gita Dharma* by Prof. C. S. Trilokekar; *Ceremonial as a Fine Art* by Prof. J. B. Acuña and *Integration* by Mrs. E. M. Lavender.

E. Norman Pearson's Lectures.—Mr. Pearson gave a series of talks, illustrated with lantern slides, on various Theosophical conceptions dealing with the composition and evolution of the universe and man, namely *Theosophy for the Modern Mind*, *Reality*, *Consciousness and Illusion*, *The Illusion of Space*, *The Illusion of Time*, *The Illusion of Self* and *Theosophy's Opportunity in the World of Today*.

E. Norman Pearson's Course.—Every Monday beginning with the 14th of January 1952 and ending with 24th of March 1952 (total 11 sessions) Mr. Pearson conducted a Workers Training Course to prepare students for Theosophical work in Lodges and on the platform. He has a great experience in these matters and his advice was appreciated by all the students who attended.

Social Gatherings.—With the object of promoting brotherliness and understanding among students, several gatherings were organized at the School, but especially at Mr. Cook's residence and by him. Previous to the last gathering the Principal distributed the Certificates of Attendance to 8 students.

JOSÉ B. ACUÑA,
Director of Studies.

MEMORANDUM

OF

ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.

SEAL

(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,

Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President :—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording-Secretary :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbréchtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ...
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...
 „ PYARE LAL ...
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place.

Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council, each of whom shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations. Such call to members outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective National Governing Council and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, whose consent as laid down hereunder shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of this period the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received along with the relevant papers before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the consent of the nominated member has not been filed in the office of the Recording Secretary within the period of two months just preceding shall be rejected as invalid. The rest shall be counted, and the names of those receiving the three highest numbers of nominations, (or any lesser number of names, if less than three are nominated) together with any others who have been nominated by

not less than half the members of the General Council, but after eliminating any who in the meantime have died or who have withdrawn their consent to nomination and subject only to the provisions of the next following paragraph, shall be those to be voted upon. The list made by the Executive Committee shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall immediately in writing communicate all the names on the list to each nominee thereon (if the nominee is not at Adyar the communication shall be by telegraph or cable). In the event of any death or withdrawal the corresponding name shall be struck from the list.

On the tenth day following the meeting of the Executive Committee for the examination of nominations, the Recording Secretary shall communicate the list of nominees remaining to be voted upon, to the General Secretaries, and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air mail and ordinary mail, and to the others by air mail confirmed within two days by ordinary mail. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Society at Adyar.

If only one member is nominated the vote so taken shall be on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of six months from the call for nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the highest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, or if the death of any nominee occurs before the counting of the votes and the declaration of the result, the nomination and election procedure herein provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have

nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members in the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary, shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if

necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The

Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note.—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of majority in their respective countries shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is

about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

(b) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) certificates of Federation to any national group of Lodges not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in

his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society

or of a Lodge not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for

all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a), shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulation of such National Society, but not less than 5/- and £1 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of 5/- and an Annual Subscription of £1.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues

in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge, the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge, granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest as follows :

(a) in The Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge coming under Rule 31 (c), (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided)—and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge is situated, in the case of a Lodge within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges being not less than seven in number, or to other

Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in The Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which The Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by

a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

To effect any transfer of property, or which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or members for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary or effective to transfer the said property to the Society.

51. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

52. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December in each year, as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make the arrangements for its accommodation, shall be invited in rotation of the current year with particular of the arrangements they propose to make.

53. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of the Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society, or of a Lodge not within the territory of a National Society, or of a Lodge coming under Rule 51 (a), except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such selling in which case the property shall not be transferred provided— and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society, in which the Lodge is situated, in the case of a Lodge within the territory of a National Society, and Lodge not coming under Rule 51 (a), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society. No National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or which shall continue to have the name, motto, or seal of the Society, except for the purpose of vesting in the Society, or in the National Society, the same may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge.

Provided, nevertheless, that the Trusts here shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges being not less than seven in number, or to other

DIRECTORY

ON 17TH FEBRUARY 1953

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM.

Vice-President: MR. SIDNEY A. COOK.

Treasurer (Acting): MR. K. S. RAJAGOPALAN (Asst. Treasurer).

Recording Secretary: MISS HELEN ZAHARA.

General Secretaries and Presidential Agents

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	Mr. James S. Perkins	P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England	C. R. Groves, Esq.	50 Gloucester Place, London, W. 1
1891	India	Sjt. Rohit Mehta	Theosophical Society, Banaras 1
1895	Australia	Mr. J. L. Davidge	29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden	Herr Curt Berg	Ostermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand	Miss Emma Hunt	10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3
1897	Netherlands	Professor J. N. van der Ley.	Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z.
1899	France	Monsieur Francis Brunel	4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy	Dr. Giuseppe Gasco	14-Piazza Gherbiana, Mondovi-Breo, Prov. Cuneo
1902	Germany	Direktor Martin Boyken	Rothbuchenstieg 40, (24a) Hamburg 39
1905	Cuba	Señor Ramón Melero Lobato.	Sobral Numero 27, Sancti-Spiritus
1907	Hungary	...	...
1907	Finland	Miss Signe Rosvall	Vironkatu 7 C, Helsinki
1908	Russia	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia*	Pan Miloslav Lzicka	Praha VIII—Zastrelnici 633
1909	Southern Africa	Mrs. Eleanor Stakesby-Lewis.	3 Wheeler Ave., Eastlea, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia
1910	Scotland	Edward Gall, Esq.	28 Great King Street, Edinburgh
1910	Switzerland	Mme. Rachel Tripet	26 Rue de Vermont, Geneva
1911	Belgium	Mlle. Serge Brisy	37 Rue Jean-Baptiste Meunier, Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia	Mr. Soemardjo	Blavatskypark 5, Merdeka-Barat 17, Djakarta, Java
1912	Burma	Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria	Herr F. Schleifer	Paracelsusgasse 4, T. 6, Vienna III/40
1913	Norway	Herr Ernst Nielsen	Oscarsgt. 11. I. Oslo
1918	Egypt	...	...
1918	Denmark	Herr J. H. Möller	Strandvejen 130a, Aarhus
1919	Eire	Mrs. Evelyn O. Hornidge	14 South Frederick St., Dublin
1919	Mexico	Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil.	Iturbide 28, Mexico, D. F.
1919	Canada	Lt. Col. E.L. Thomson, D.S.O.	52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
1920	Argentina	Señor José M. Olivares	Sarmiento 2478, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	Sra. Teresa de Risso	Casilla 604, Valparaiso
1920	Brazil	Tenente Armando Sales	Rua Sao Bento 38, 1º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria
1921	Iceland	Gretar Fells	Ingolfsstr. 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain

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Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1921	Portugal	Mme. J. S. Lefèvre	Rua Passos Manuel, No. 20-cave, Lisbon
1922	Wales	Miss E. Claudia Owen	10 Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland	...	...
✓ 1925	Uruguay	Señor Enrique Molina	Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
✓ 1925	Puerto Rico	Señora Esperanza C. Hopgood	Box 8774 Fernandez Juncos, Santurce
1925	Rumania	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia	...	...
1926	Ceylon *	N. K. Choksy, Esq., K. C.	Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo
1928	Greece	Monsieur Kimón Prinaris	3 ^d September Str., No. 56B III Floor, Athens
✓ 1929	Central America	Señor Amalia de Sotela	P. O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay	...	...
✓ 1929	Peru	Señor Jorge Torres Ugarriza	Apartado No. 2718, Lima
1933	Philippines	Mr. Olimpio A. Cabellon	728 Lepanto, Manila
✓ 1937	Colombia	Señorita Corina Martinez Sanders	Apartado Aereo No. 1323, Barranquilla
1947	British E. Africa	Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah	P. O. Box 142, Zanzibar
1948	Pakistan *	Mrs. Gool Minwalla	Noonan Road, Karachi 3
1948	Malaya and Singapore *	Mr. V. Rajagopal	P. O. Box 752, Singapore
1949	Northern Ireland *	Dr. Hugh Shearman	18 Brookhill Ave., Belfast
1950	State of Israel *	Dr. I. S. Cohen	P. O. Box 2858, Tel Aviv
1951	Japan *	Mr. Jack R. Brinkley	537 Zushi, Zushi Machi, Miura Gun, Kanagawa Ken
1952	Viet-Nam	M. Pham-Ngoc-Da	Directeur du College, Chaudoc, South Viet-Nam

Additional Members of the General Council

MR. C. JINARAJADĀSA, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20.

MR. R. M. ALPAIWALLA, 179, Lamington Cross Road, Bombay 7 (for 1953, 1954 and 1955).

MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Dirk Boutsiaan 18, Eindhoven, Holland (for 1951, 1952 and 1953).

DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Director, Adyar Library, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1953, 1954 and 1955).

MR. H. S. L. POLAK, 49 Earls Ave., The Leas, Folkestone, England (for 1953, 1954 and 1955).

N. K. CHOKSY, ESQ., Q. C., Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo, Ceylon (for 1953, 1954 and 1955).

DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 18 Brookhill Avenue, Belfast, United Kingdom (for 1951, 1952 and 1953).

SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1952, 1953 and 1954).

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MINUTES

* *Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held in the Boardroom at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Thursday, 25th December, 1952, at 2 p.m.*

First Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	... President (in the chair).
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... Vice-President.
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, the T.S. in India.
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	... General Secretary, the T.S. in Burma.
Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah	... General Secretary, the T.S. in British East Africa.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... Additional Member, Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in New Zealand and England.
Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale	... Additional Member, Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Switzerland and Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.
Mr. N. K. Choksy	... "
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	... "

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the meetings held on 25th and 31st December, 1951, and the special meeting held on 20th March, 1952, having been circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes :*

(a) *Next World Congress.*—The invitation which was first issued in 1948 by the Australian Section to hold the next World Congress in Australia was renewed during the year by the General Secretary, Mr. J. L. Davidge.

The opinion of the members of the Council present was that Australia is not sufficiently central for many people to travel to and that a place in Europe would be more convenient.

The matter was again postponed for a further year.

(b) *Annual Report of the Society*.—Mr. N. K. Choksy confirmed his opinion which had already been circulated to the General Council by the President and his opinion was accepted by the General Council.

The Recording Secretary pointed out that at Mr. Choksy's suggestion a statement had appeared in the Annual Report for 1951 that in some instances the reports of General Secretaries had been translated into English, edited or condensed in the office of the Recording Secretary.

3. *Amendments and additions to Rules 35 and 43 of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.*

The amendments and additions to Rules 35 and 43, having obtained the required majority of votes, were declared adopted as follows :

Re-number Rule 35 as 35 (a).

New Rule 35 (b) :

The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) certificates of Federation to any national group of Lodges not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

New Rule 35 (c) :

The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

Re-number Rule 43 as 43 (a).

New Rule 43 (b) :

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

In favour

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Against

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The General Secretary for France, M. Francis Brunel, voted against the amendments, as he was not in favour of a Federation being permitted, except in such countries where no National Society exists.

4. *Amendment to Rule 44 (b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.*

The amendment to Rule 44 (b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, having obtained the required majority of votes, was declared adopted as follows (additions are shown in italics) :

No National Society or Lodge whose charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto or seal of the Society *except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge.*

In favour	...	38
Against	...	Nil.

5. *Election of Five (5) Additional Members to the General Council for the years 1953, 1954 and 1955.*

The undermentioned members, having obtained the necessary votes favourable to their election as shown below, were declared duly elected as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1953, 1954 and 1955).

	No. of Votes
R. M. Alpaiwalla	37
G. Srinivasa Murti	37
N. Sri Ram	37
H. S. L. Polak	37
N. K. Choksy	38

6. *The appointment of the Executive Committee for 1953.*—The following members were appointed :

President	} <i>Ex-officio</i>
Vice-President	
Recording Secretary	
Treasurer	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	
Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale	
Mr. N. Sri Ram	
Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Iyengar	

7. *The Treasurer's Report.*—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September, 1952, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report and recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption, were given consideration and approved.

8. *The Budget for 1952-53.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September, 1953, passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting held on 23rd December, 1952, were adopted as detailed hereunder :

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1952-53

EXPENSE	Budget for 1951-'52	Actuals for 1951-'52	Budget for 1952-'53	INCOME	Budget for 1951-'52	Actuals for 1951-'52	Budget for 1952-'53
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages and free food ...	23,000	27,138	31,000	Rent ...	54,000	53,564	54,000
Repairs and Renewals (Excess to War-deferred Maintenance Reserve) ...	30,000	30,000	30,000	Conservancy Charges ...	1,300	1,325	1,300
Garden Expenses ...	40,800	36,364	41,000	Fees and Dues ...	20,000	24,207	23,000
Miscellaneous ...	5,000	5,187	7,000	Garden Income ...	38,800	31,027	37,000
Light and Water ...	5,000	4,268	5,000	Casuarina ...	10,000	12,936	10,000
Watch and Ward ...	15,400	13,903	14,450	Administration Charges ...	7,130	7,130	7,130
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	3,500	3,447	3,500	Interest (Gross) ...	30,000	31,193	32,000
Printing and Stationery ...	4,500	4,887	4,500	Special Departments:			
Publications to General Secretaries ...	800	679	800	Engineering Depart- ment ...	1,13,530	1,03,463	93,325
Sanitation Expenses ...	3,800	3,861	4,800	Vasanta Press ...	1,20,000	1,45,794	1,20,000
Taxes Account ...	12,500	13,167	13,500	Laundry ...	6,700	5,985	6,700
Pensions ...	100	20		Bhojanasala ...		638	
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	10,000	8,645	10,000	Donations to cover deficit ...	29,020	59,407	39,520
Convention Reserve ...	2,500	2,500					
.. deficit 1952 ...			3,500				
.. Travelling Ex- penses 1951 ...	1,000	600					
Contributions:							
Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Dispensary ...	3,200	3,500	3,500				
President's Travelling Fund ...							
Museum and Archives ...	500	349	500				
The School of the Wisdom... ..	6,500	9,024	6,500				
Donations to various Funds and Accounts ...		17,000					
Bhojanasala—deficit ...	650		650				
Leadbeater Chambers— deficit ...	2,000	3,470	1,250				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department... ..	1,13,530	1,10,519	93,325				
Vasanta Press ...	1,20,000	1,45,460	1,20,000				
Laundry ...	6,700	6,263	6,700				
Depreciation ...	14,500	17,003	17,500				
Surplus ...		4,415					
	4,30,480	4,76,669	4,23,975		4,30,480	4,76,669	4,23,975

For The Theosophical Society,

C. D. SHORES,

Hony. Treasurer.

9. *The Appointment of Auditors for 1952-53.*—It was resolved that Messrs. V. Soundararajan & Co., Registered Accountants, be reappointed Auditors for the year 1952-53 on a remuneration of Rs. 1,000/- per annum, the terms and conditions remaining the same as in previous years.

10. *Position of the Theosophical Society in Chile.*—The President read to the members of the General Council a resumé summarising the difficulties in Chile because of the existence of two groups, each electing a separate General Secretary. The President had himself offered to conduct an election from Adyar, but this had not been acceptable to some of the Lodges and the idea had been dropped. Adyar had accepted Sra. Teresa de Riso as General Secretary for the purpose of correspondence, since the notification of her election had been received first.

The President had had in mind to suggest the formation of two Federations in Chile under the proposed new provisions of Rule 35. But since placing the matter on the Agenda for the General Council meeting he had received further information which indicated that there was a possibility of a settlement in the near future. He therefore stated that he wished the matter to be left over and no action was taken by the General Council.

11. *Amendment to Rule 2 (b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.*—The purpose of this amendment was to make a retiring President automatically an Additional Member of the General Council.

Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale stated that she was not in favour of the resolution, as it may happen that an ex-President may not be acceptable for continued membership on the General Council. This view had been supported by Mr. J. E. van Dissel and Mlle. Serge Brisy, who had voted against. However, the Resolution having obtained the required majority of votes was declared carried as follows (additions are shown in italics) :

The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, *among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place.* Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

In favour	38
Against	3

12. *Faithful Service Fund.*—The Vice-President brought before the General Council a proposal that the Faithful Service Fund accept the responsibility for certain international workers who at present are receiving assistance through other channels. The English Section which at the present time is carrying certain responsibility wished the Fund to assume it instead and would itself contribute to the Faithful Service Fund an equivalent or even a larger sum.

It was pointed out that under the Council rules for the administration of the Faithful Service Fund, the President in consultation with the Executive Committee determined the extent of the help and the individual to whom it should be given.

The matter was therefore left for consideration by the President and the Executive Committee.

13. *Proposition from Prof. J. N. van der Ley, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Netherlands that Bro. C. Jinarājādāsa be offered honorary membership in the Society.*—The President explained that he was already a life member of the Society in India and therefore there was no need to make him an honorary member.

Several members voiced appreciation of the President's work for the Society and pointed out that this was a special honour and expression of gratitude. However, as there is no provision in the Constitution for honorary membership and as the President felt the precedent undesirable, the matter was not proceeded with. The President stated that he appreciated and accepted the gesture.

14. *Suggestion by Dr. Giuseppe Gasco, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Italy, that the Theosophical Society should take the initiative to found a "Universal Academy of Science and Religions" or to induce UNESCO to summon a "Universal Ecumenical Council" of all religions, in order to prepare each one to give its share in the spiritual making of a new conscience for mankind, as expression of the ONE GOD worshipped under different names.*—The members of the Council expressed the view that more details would be required from Dr. Gasco before any consideration could be given to such a matter. It was decided that Dr. Giuseppe Gasco should be asked to work out a scheme outlining his proposals and the implications thereof so that the matter may be given proper consideration at some later time.

MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held in the Boardroom at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Wednesday, 31st December, 1952, at 2 p.m.*

Second Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa	... President (in the chair).
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... Vice-President.
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, the T.S. in India.
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	... General Secretary, the T.S. in Burma
Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah	... General Secretary, the T.S. in British East Africa.

Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	<i>Additional Member, Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T. S. in New Zealand and England.</i>
Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale	...	<i>Additional Member, Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T. S. in Switzerland and Cuba¹ and Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. N. K. Choksy	...	"
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	"

15. *The Theosophical Society in Cuba.*—The President explained to the General Council, summarising from correspondence received, what had been happening in the Cuban Section in regard to Bro. Cruz Bustillo, including the "reasons" given by the General Secretary for Cuba in his letter to the President of July 25, 1952 for the step taken by the Section Council for his expulsion and the provisions of the Cuban Constitution under which the Cuban Section Council had purported to act. The information he had also showed that Bro. Cruz Bustillo had not been informed of any grounds on which the Cuban Section intended to take any such action, nor was he asked for any explanation of any conduct of his; in other words, that Bro. Cruz Bustillo had been "condemned without being heard". The President stated that after consulting the Legal Adviser to the General Council, a distinguished advocate of Ceylon, who has been a Justice of the High Court of Ceylon, he was of the view that the Section Council had no power to expel a member from its Section under Article 28 of its Constitution (that being the Article under which the Cuban Section Council had purported to act).

In addition to this he stated that Bro. Cruz Bustillo, though not accepting as valid his expulsion, had applied to be transferred and to be attached to Adyar direct, but that that application had not been forwarded to the President by the General Secretary of the Cuban Section. Three Lodges of the Cuban Section had appealed to the President, in protest against the so-called expulsion of Bro. Cruz Bustillo, but even these appeals had not been forwarded to the President by the General Secretary.

In view of all this the President stated that he intended to write to the General Secretary of the Cuban Section calling his attention and, through him, the attention of the Section Council, to these irregularities and improprieties, in addition to the gross discourtesy to the President involved in the omission to transmit to him communications meant for him and which should have been duly forwarded to him as expeditiously as possible.

He therefore desired an expression of the views of the General Council on the whole matter.

¹ Notification of appointment as Proxy for the General Secretary of Cuba was received in time to be exercised only at the second meeting of the Council.

After discussion and explanation, the General Council passed the following resolution :

"The General Council, having considered the situation at present obtaining in Cuba, as explained by the President, and after hearing the Honorary Legal Adviser to the Society, is of the view that the Section Council of the Cuban Section has no power or authority, under Article 28 of the Constitution of the Cuban Section (under which Article that Section Council has purported to act), to dismiss or expel any member from that Section; and, further, that the Section Council had not acted according to the principles of natural justice as it appeared that Bro. Cruz Bustillo had not even been informed of the grounds on which the Section Council wanted to take any such action nor given an opportunity of explaining or defending himself. The General Council therefore endorses the action which the President contemplates taking."

In the voting, all those present voted in favour of the Resolution except Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale, who, as the Proxy of the General Secretary of the Cuban Section, abstained from voting, though in her individual capacity she voted for the Resolution.

The Council also approved the President's suggestion that he should write and inform the three Lodges in question of the above Resolution of the Council and of the action he was taking in the matter by sending them each a copy of his letter to the General Secretary of that Section.

16. *Proposal to amend Rule 31 of the Rules and Regulations of the Society.*—Arising out of the discussion regarding the situation in Cuba it was decided that consideration be given to amendment of Rule 31 of the International Constitution of the Theosophical Society.

As it is found in practice that sometimes the application under Rules 31 (a) or 31 (c) of a member or of a Lodge to be transferred from a National Society and be attached directly to Adyar is delayed or omitted to be transmitted to the President, it is proposed to add to the sentence of Rule 31 (a), which reads thus—"Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned" the following words :

"who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible."

It is proposed to add the same words at the end of the same sentence in Rule 31 (c), which deals with application for transfer of a Lodge.

The following additional Rule [31 (d)] was also suggested by Mr. Choksy for consideration :

"(d) In the event of anticipation of any undue delay in the transmission (or anticipation of an omission to transmit) any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge concerned, and the President may act on such copy so transmitted to

him (provided he is of the view it is an accurate copy) if, in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should act on such copy, and any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the actual application submitted for transmission to the President, even though the same may not have reached him. The Fellow or Lodge, when forwarding such copy to the President directly shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission."

These amendments after further consideration will be submitted to the General Council for voting.

17. *The President.*—Referring to the previous session of the Council when the proposition from the General Secretary in Netherlands to make the President an honorary member had been considered, the Vice-President stated that whilst the Council did not press for honorary membership in view of the technical point of the Constitution, and the President's own wish, the Council wished to place on record its appreciation of the President and his work during his term of office. The Vice-President therefore offered the following Resolution, which had been drafted by several Council members, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rohit Mehta and carried unanimously.

"In view of the fact that this is the last meeting of the General Council over which Bro. C. Jinarājadāsa presides as President of the Theosophical Society, the members of the General Council desire to express their profound gratefulness to him for the very able and impersonal manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Society during his term of office. The General Council is of opinion that not only has he maintained the great traditions of the Society, but has carried the Theosophical Movement throughout the world to greater heights by his unique contributions. The members earnestly pray that he be long spared so that the Theosophical Society may have the benefit of his wisdom and experience for many years to come."

HELEN ZAHARA,
Recording Secretary

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1952

National Sections (Active) ...	38				No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active)	8				Lodges	Members
Total Lodges (1952) ...	1,306					
Total Membership :						
1951 ...	32,180					
1952 ...	32,306					
Increase ...	126					
	No. of	No. of				
	Lodges	Members				
1. United States of America ...	147	3,953	28. Argentina ...	63	1,279	
2. England ...	115	3,290	29. Chile ...	10	132	
3. India ...	377	6,632	30. Brazil ...	36	829	
4. Australia ...	16	1,164	31. Bulgaria ...	—	—	
5. Sweden ...	20	434	32. Iceland ...	5	243 (1951)	
6. New Zealand ...	17	933	33. Spain ...	—	—	
7. Netherlands ...	38	1,701	34. Portugal ...	12	240	
8. France ...	63	1,739	35. Wales ...	7	178	
9. Italy ...	38	938	36. Poland ...	—	—	
10. Germany ...	21	631	37. Uruguay ...	6	78	
11. Cuba ...	33	617	38. Puerto Rico ...	7	95	
12. Hungary ...	—	—	39. Rumania ...	—	—	
13. Finland ...	22	710	40. Yugoslavija ...	—	—	
14. Czechoslovakia* ...	1	44 (1949)	41. Ceylon* ...	1	54	
15. Southern Africa..	17	646	42. Greece ...	5	213	
16. Scotland ...	20	299	43. Central America..	9	148	
17. Switzerland ...	12	258	44. Paraguay ...	—	—	
18. Belgium ...	11	317	45. Peru ...	6	101	
19. Indonesia ...	16	516	46. Philippines ...	14	315	
20. Burma ...	7	81	47. Colombia ...	9	107	
21. Austria ...	13	322	48. British East Africa	9	229	
22. Norway ...	7	161	49. Pakistan* ...	6	307	
23. Egypt ...	—	—	50. Malaya & Singapore*	4	107	
24. Denmark ...	12	314	51. Northern Ireland*	3	75	
25. Ireland ...	4	41	52. Viet-Nam* ...	5	198	
26. Mexico ...	27	478	53. State of Israel *	—	11	
27. Canada ...	11	381	54. Japan* ...	—	2	
			55. Canadian Federation	7	199	
			56. H.P.B.Lodge(Canada)	1	10	
			57. Olcott-Blavatsky			
			Lodge, (Greece)	1	15	
			58. Libertad Lodge			
			(Argentina)	1	21	
			59. Fellows-at-large	—	8	
			60. Lodges and members			
			attached to Adyar	14	512	
			Total ...	1,306	32,306	

* Presidential Agency.

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